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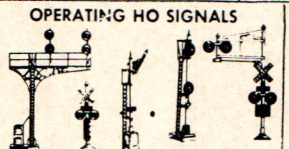

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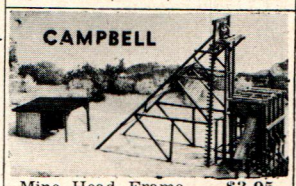

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The railroads have also taken to emulating bus and trolley lines. There's nothing like a new paint scheme to attract attention to equipment and make old equipment look new. In some cases, fancy paint schemes have given way to solid colors adorned perhaps with a bold herald. Some other roads are forsaking black in favor of colors.

The above changes put a burden on the model firms and the decal manufacturers. All in all, the modelers have been treated quite well.

August 26-29 marks the dates of the NMRA National Convention at the Hotel Vancouver, in Vancouver, B. C. A partial rundown of events appears in the Model Railroad Timetable on page 15. And once again, it'll be our pleasure to make the Craftsman Trophy available to the model which best demonstrates originality in craftsmanship. We wonder if it'll be a third win for a Canadian, or a second win for an O gauger. Only time will tell. We hope to meet many of you there.

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It's been three years since we last polled our readers, and we're at it again this month. We'll be grateful if you'll fill in the survey found on pages 55-56 and mail them in to us. Any reader including a No. 10 size address envelope (No stamp required) will be sent a model railroad charter suitable for framing, as our way of saying thank you. Information garnered from the survey will be made available to manufacturers, so they will know better how to serve you.

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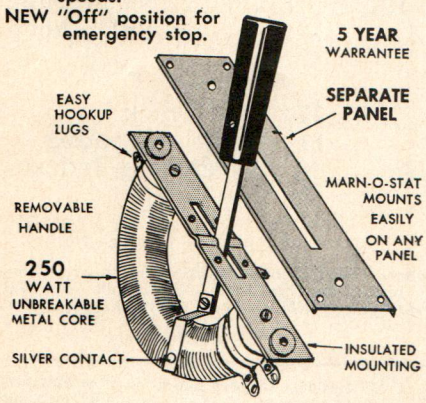

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Eng. 4871 (series 4845-4873, 29 units) is an Alco 628 and was painted black and gold when the photo was taken. Locomotives 4870-4873 are ex-Alco demonstrators. Plans of the 628 appeared in the Feb. '65 issue of RMC.

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C&O 2300 Class Photos Needed

I need a full side view of the tender of the C&O 2-8-2 2300 class locomotives, showing rivet detail. Also the cab. Can anyone help. This is a Vanderbilt type tender.

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New York Central No. 4083

The New York Central Pacific which you show on page 36 of the June '65 RMC was built by the Dunkirk plant of the American Locomotive Company in Feb. 1925. This undoubtedly accounts for the shape of the plate which would be Dunkirk, rather than Lima. The various Alco plants did not always use the familiar rectangular plate. The K3r's were a small group, 4800-4804, built as CCC&StL Nos. 6500-6504.

Each year our recollection of prototypes gets hazier and we must rely more and more on information provided by historians, magazines, etc. For this reason, it becomes more important for importers to identify their models properly.

Since my own favorite railroad is the Southern Pacific, I pay more attention to SP than to most other roads, and occasionally note small errors from time to time. A model of an SP Mogul has been appearing for a few years now, offered by different importers variously as an M-8, M-21, and M-1. The model in question resembles the M-8 but not closely. It does not look like the M-21 and is never an M-1, the last class being vacant for a good number of years. There is an accurate replica of the M-21 offered by Austin which should not be confused with the model described above, which is otherwise quite excellent in appearance and workmanship.

Just to add to the general confussion, a new arrival on the scene is an A-5 Atlantic. The prototype A-5 had vanished by 1935 and did not resemble this model at all. It is probably intended that the new models should be A-6's which were four very modern rebuilt machines, Nos. 3000-3003.

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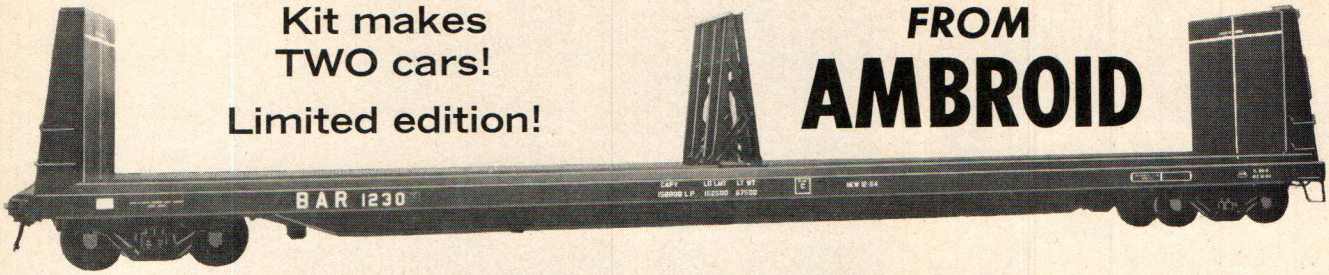

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George Trager shot this Taylor Yard view of Eng. 8501, giant GE U-50, in Feb. 1965. Blunt nose is reminiscent of cab-forward.

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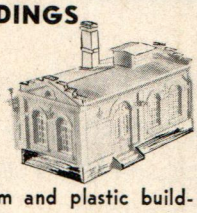

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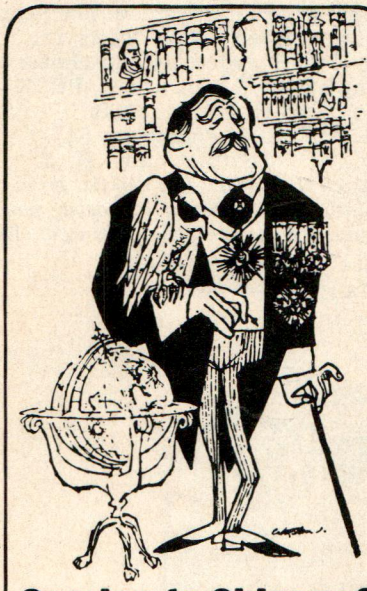

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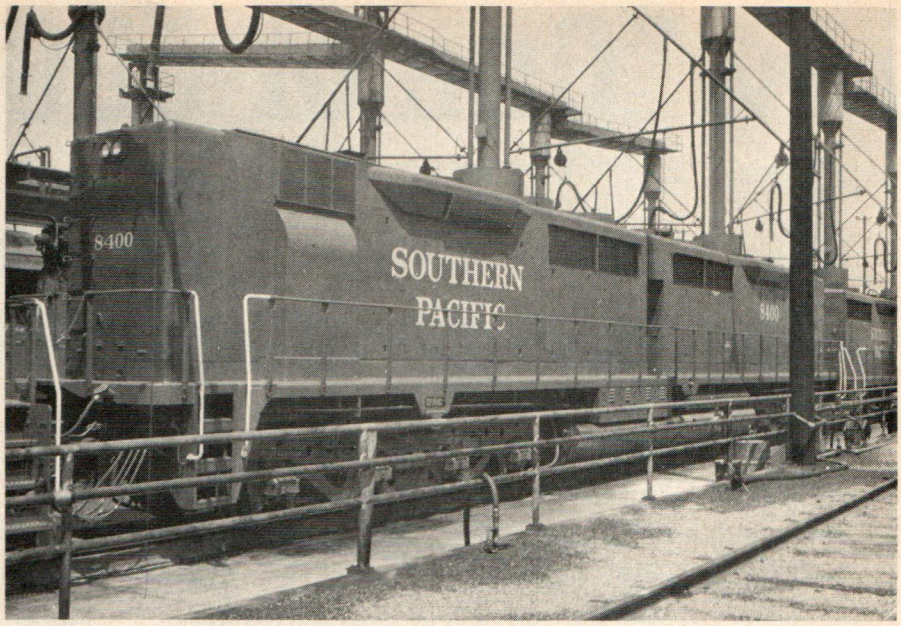

Giant Southern Pacific DD-35 diesel built by Electro-Motive as a mate to companion but smaller GP-35 low hood locomotives.

DD-35 Photo

RMC printed plans of the DD-35 in the Oct. 1963 issue, along with data, but there was no photo. The Southern Pacific has some DD-35's and the enclosed photo shows No. 8400 in the servicing area of Taylor Yard in Los Angeles. The local railroad men refer to this area as "Cape Canaveral", for reasons which are fairly obvious from the photo.

Incidentally, no manufacturer has as yet placed a model of this engine or the GP-35 on the market. Why?

Albert Novak
6131-B Walker Ave.
Maywood, Calif.

Thanks for sending the DD-35 photo. We can think up a number of very good reasons why no model of a GP-35 or DD-35 has as yet appeared on the market, aside from the problem engendered by the extra long length of the DD-35 which would create problems on today's "standard" 18 inch radius curves.

Sure Fire Train Starting

Sure appreciate and much agree with the sentiments of Leighton Keeling's letter in the Safety Valve, which you can assure him, expand upon, and are in entire agreement with my own. Better yet, I just wrote him.

However, this character "Ed" who writes in italics — I don't agree with at all. I'll admit that the Keeling System of Table Thumping may be pretty good stuff in HO, but have never seen the vastly superior Graff System of Table Kicking publicized, possible because O gaugers are somewhat in the minority.

At any rate, my ace in the hole is the "St. Bernard" system, which is infallable. When everything else fails, Mike, my 220 pound Swiss Saint Bernard is allowed in the railroad room. As he brushes under the railroad structure, the entire thing is subjected to a Richter magnitude 9.5 earthquake. If a stuck train doesn't start then, the locomotive MUST have a burned out motor. And, yes, Mike has met and knows "T Bone Beebe".

U. B. Graff
277 Bel Ayre Drive
San Jose 17, Calif.

Surely, there must be a better way! Ed.

S Gauger With A Problem

For several years I have been trying to obtain the following items of American Flyer rolling stock in S gauge: 24419 Canadian National Reefer, 24319 Pennsalt Chemical Tank Car, 24219 Western Maryland hopper, and 24221 C&EI Hopper.

All of these were listed in the 1958 and/or 1959 catalogs but I have never seen them. I haven't been able to get information from the manufacturer.

I am hopeful that one of RMC's readers can shed some light on this situation for me. I still want to add these freight cars to my AF collection.

Phil Sheridan
4486 Danforth Road
Columbus, Ohio 43224

American Flyer operators hungry for more ready to run equipment should look over Lionel's O-27 cars, most of which readily convert to S gauge by simply changing the trucks which have couplers attached of the Gilbert type. And there are also a number of good kits available to S gaugers for scale or tinplate.

More on Trophys

A few comments on Keeling's letter in the June '65 RMC. In general I agree with both Keeling and Graff. Contests do inspire us to better modeling and building. And if someone's redetailed imported loco comes out better than any scratchbuilt

model, after allowances for scratch-building, then the import should win the prize. However, if the import is passed off by its owner as scratch-built in order that he may have a better chance at the trophy, then the entire purpose of the contest has been debased.

Cars and structures are in a different category. People generally prefer to scratch build such items. Many people build for the trophy here and I don't see anything wrong with this since the contests often encourage this sort of thing. The GATSME Trophy in our local MER for the best narrow gauge model has been promoted with such slogans as "Get your name at the top of the GATSME Trophy".

If a modeler doesn't build just for the trophy's year after year but does make a concerted effort occasionally for something special, then I see nothing wrong with it. He knows he has to do a good job so he takes the extra pains necessary in his work. Isn't this just what contests are for — to improve the general quality of model building? What the model rail learns in building the contest model cannot help but improve his other work.

Deane Mellander
2705 Newton St.
Silver Spring, Md. 20902

Barnstorming Barnhart

I just tinker around trying to stir up trouble and controversy, not converts. Doubt very much you would get any applause from readers who learned via RMC that some nut bought a machine shop, acquired a photo reproduction business, finagled his way into the brass casting business, and now can spend about $25 and two weeks time making one passenger truck to non NMRA standards so it won't run on anybody's layout but his.

Kenneth E. Barnhart, Jr.
1450 East Barstow St.
Fresno, Calif. 93726

We're mighty happy that nuts like this are around today so commercial scale model railroading will be better in 1970. Ed.

Exchange Place Users Are Lazy

I have been reading RMC for 15 years without complaints but now I have one. Why don't the readers who take listings in Exchange Place ever answer letters that are sent to them? I've written a number and haven't received any answers.

Frank T. Cutali
45 Fleetwood Drive
Rochester, N. Y.

In our opinion, its common courtesy for Exchange Place users to answer their correspondence, even if just a postcard. On the other hand, it would help if readers writing to the various listings would include a stamped, addressed envelope. Ed.

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Last Run

MAX GRAY, 54, of Max Gray Models, P.O. Box 757, Santa Clara, California, passed away suddenly in Los Angeles, May 27th. Raised in Cleveland, Max was a veteran of the model railroad industry, operating Champion Decal Company and Max Gray HO and O scale locomotive imports. Two years ago the Champion Decal Company was sold to Richard Meyer, of Minot, N.D. A resident of California for some years, Max helped raise the quality level of O gauge scale locomotives to a new high with his line of imports. In recent years, he also imported a companion HO locomotive line. Max is survived by his wife, Reiko.

Electric Railways

MONTREAL'S RUBBER tired subway system will go into operation next year with 15½ miles of reinforced concrete track. But don't despair. For switching, braking and rare flat tire situations, there are inner steel flanged wheels which run on a unique invention called a "steel rail"!

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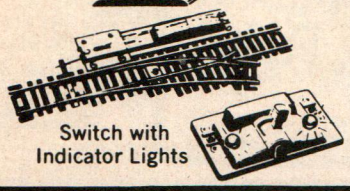
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New Catalogs

Harbern Model Supplies, 661 Simpson Ave., Winnepeg 15, Man. 32 page illustrated catalog, HO-O, 5½x8, Canadian prices. Canadian road specialists.

A. B. Boyd Co., 1030 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles 15, Calif. 40 page illus. catalog: Preisser HO figures, Boyd, Merit, Heinzl, Vollmer, Pocher cannons, Wilesco steam engines, etc. The variety of HO figures and accessories is especially outstanding and noteworthy, as are the Vollmer buildings. Price, 50c.

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Supply Car

Chester Holley, 3812 S. Himes Ave., Tampa, Florida, offers a 3x5 ft. railroad rug in ten colors, depicting the famous General 4-4-O locomotives. The pile of the rug is about half an inch thick and there is a rubberized back to prevent skids. These are handmade and great for the train room, bed room, etc. Shipped anywhere in the U. S. A. by Ol' Chester for $29.95.

Hockomock Railroad Club has a very few all wood cabooses in HO, dismantled they calls 'em, (kits, we calls 'em) with Hockomock Club decals at $4.00, and no truck or couplers. These are outside braced and available to local modelers at $4.00 each while they last. Contact *Hank Lindstrom,* 50 Elm St., North Easton, Mass., for further info.

Prototype

Burlington's 2-8-2 No. 4960 was used in the Savannah, Illinois area during the recent floods to haul various trains including the Empire Builder and North Coast Limited. High waters present no problems to steamers but could knock out the low mounted traction motors in diesels. . . . The same steamer, CB&Q No. 4960 will haul the Circus Parade Limited July 1, 1965, from Baraboo to Milwaukee, a 156 mile run, in conjunction with "A Day In Old Milwaukee" In on the fun is Paul Larson, now Director of Communications with *Schlitz Brewing Company.* Wonder if anybody will blank out any obvious Miller Highlife cars that get in the way!

And speaking of beer, the prototype of *Model Die Casting Company's* Miller Highlife Beer car in HO, white with red lettering is a common sight in these eastern parts because Miller still brews its beer in Milwaukee and uses a fleet of these modern cars to ship beer to all points. Other famous breweries no longer require fleets of beer cars as of old because of newly built or acquired plants in the New York-Newark, N. J. area. One still sees occasional Anheuser-Busch tank cars rolling by, however. Do any breweries have special beer cars besides Miller today?

New York World's Fair

Many items of railroad interest are to be found at the *New York World Fair,* despite the absence of any great railroad building. We'd recommend the model railroad show at the *Better Living Center* (Half price tickets will be found in RMC for the duration of the Fair) which was featured in the June 1965 RMC. Also take in the *Long Island Rail Road* exhibit and see the big GP-35 at the GM building. Other exhibits are scattered about, notably in the foreign pavilions. AMF operates a monorail in the amusement area and you can ride either the New York City subway or the Long Island Rail Road out to the Fair itself.

Museum Pikes

The *Marney Railway* is the only operating 2 ft. steam railroad in Pennsylvania, operating Sundays at least through the summer. Find it on River Road, Plains Township just below the Wyoming Bridge, midway between Pittston and Wilkes-Barre.

Million Miles Film

The *Hobby Industry Association's* Board of Directors at the spring meeting in San Juan approved a budget request permitting revitalizing of the HIAA film, "A Million Miles of Model Railroads", making it available to clubs and TV stations during 1965-66.

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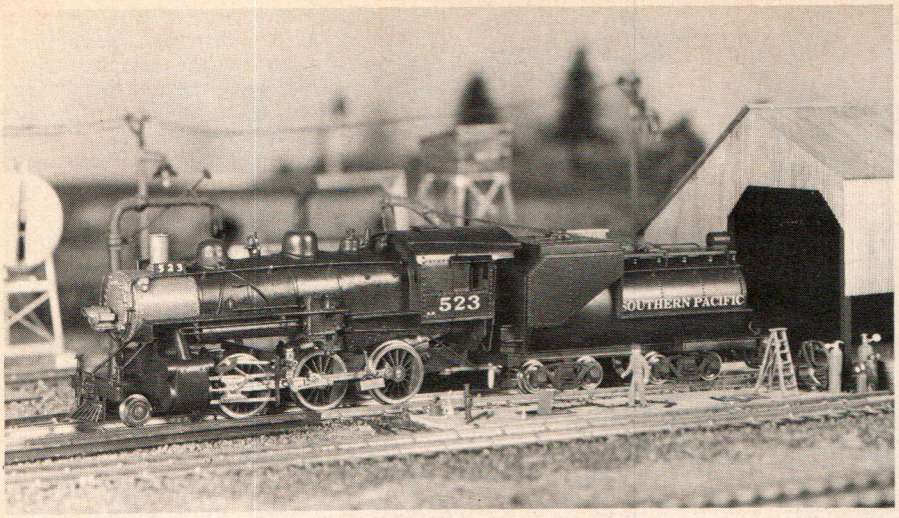

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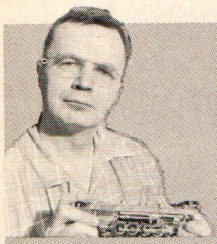

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Conducted by Bill Schopp & RMC Staff

Questions for Trouble Shooting are welcome on any model railroad subject. Questions should be brief and to the point. We cannot undertake individual layout design work, nor can we recommend brands of merchandise. We will print those questions deemed of greatest interest to our readers. We will attempt to answer questions by mail when return post cards are included but cannot guarantee to answer all questions: Trouble Shooting, c/o RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN, 6 East Main St., Ramsey, N. J.

Removing Paint

B. Samojedny: Is there a paint remover which will remove all of the paint from my die cast loco boilers quickly and efficiently.

ANSWER: I favor a wash-off type of paint remover sold at paint and hardware stores under various tradenames. This is about the consistency of pea-soup and the color of dirty cream. You brush it on the parts to be cleaned, let it work a minute or so, then wash it off under running cold water, with a little help from an old tooth brush. It does not seem to irritate the hands beyond a slight stinging when being washed. Quite often a second treatment may be needed at certain spots, particularly corners. The sediment from washing off does not seem to stain or clog sinks.

Biggest thing in favor of using this fairly expensive paint remover is that once the boiler has dried, you can proceed to paint right on the existing surface without neutralizing residua remover. Of course the superstructure should be removed, and the motor and insulated wheels not subjected to this treatment. Hence drivers, rods, valve-gear, and motor should be removed first.

Side-rod/Driver Trouble

R. Frost: Even though all drivers of my Pacific turn freely in my hand, they do not when placed on the track and the center drivers will not turn at all. Are side rods supposed to keep in a straight line when drivers turn?

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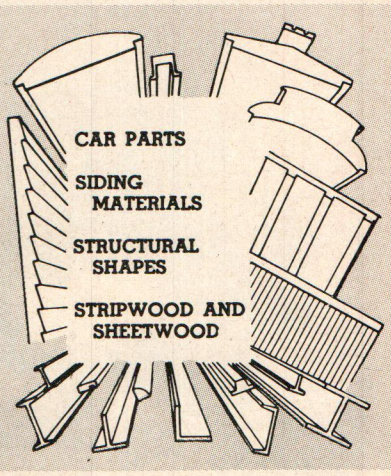

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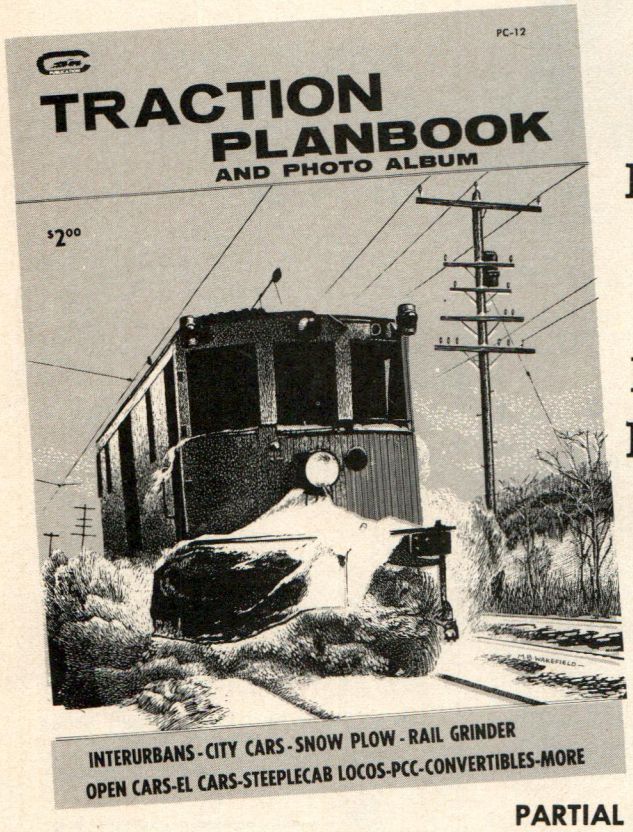

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Sno-Melter

W. Harman: In a 1953 "Believe it or Not" cartoon I saw a Snow-Melter, a large fan to be mounted on a flat car to blow hot air on snow ahead of the car. Do you know if there was ever any use made of this scheme, or whether anyone ever built a model?

ANSWER: First I've heard of it, but currently the NYC has some snow-melters which consist of a surplus jet engine mounted on a flat car and angled downward so that the jet exhaust will melt snow ahead of the car. Have never heard of a model of this, and sure hope I never do — at least of a working model!

Double Heading Dangers?

D. Clussman: I have 15 HO locomotives and it seems that no two of them will run at the same speed. In my job in engine service on the Soo Line I am assigned to engines which can pull a great many cars: if not, another engine is added. To get beyond 8 or 10 HO cars in a train, I have to add an engine, too. Does it injure a slower and faster engine to be coupled together for double-heading?

ANSWER: When a DC motor is turned by another motor it acts as a generator, so at "worst" additional power would be fed back to the tracks. But this is highly unlikely with a worm drive since the wheels cannot turn the motor. What will happen is that the faster engine will be slowed down by the heavy train and may do more than its share of work. My suggestions would be to put the faster loco ahead so that the slack is kept out of the couplers (avoiding inadvertant uncoupling at a ramp or magnet), but you might experiment with the slow engine ahead just to see if that happens.

Electrical Switches

L. Bailin: I plan to wire my own layout and would like to inquire what types of toggle switches I need for the following: (a) control of switches or turnouts; (b) on-off: (c) reversing.

ANSWER: Your hobby dealer should be able to furnish you with electrical switches for each purpose and either explain how to use them, or show you the instruction sheet packed with them.

However, here goes: (a) switches need a Single Pole Double Throw (SPDT) with sprung return to center-off; (b) on-off could be Single Pole, Single Throw (SPST) with either sprung or positive action, depending on what you want to do—a pushbutton might also do; (c) reversing switches are Double Pole Double Throw (DPDT) with positive action and a center-off position.

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Model Railroad Timetable

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 26-29. National Model Railroad Association, Inc. Hotel Vancouver. Shay fantrip, clinics by Jock Oliphant, Paul Mallery, Gus Swanberg, Gib Kennedy, Bill Hewlett, Jack Work, Cam Porteous, Frank McKinney, Jim Sabol, and others. Also railette activities, contests, layout visits, cocktail hour and banquet, and many other features. Special Dreamliner train trips to Vancouver from Montreal and Pittsburgh are planned. Also special low fare train trip. Advance registration before Aug. 1 saves $2. For complete information contact NMRA Convention Committee, 2247 Granville St., Vancouver 9, British Columbia. For membership information, write Bob Bast, Box 1328C, Station C, Canton, Ohio 44708.

LYON, FRANCE. Sept. 6 thru 11. XIIth International Congress of Model Railroad. Cocktail party, Work Session, Exhibition, Banquet, Fan Trips, Official Reception Lyons Town-Hall. Contact: Ch. Mercier, 2, rue Pierre Loti, Villeurbanne (Rhone) France.

NMRA REGIONAL MEETS

MIAMI, FLORIDA. Oct. 29, 30, 31. Sunshine Region Convention, Deauville Hotel, Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Auction, workshop, pike visits, railette activities, banquet, business meeting. Contact Ted M. Norcross, Jr., 1325 N. W. 127th St., North Miami, Fla. 33167.

NEENAH, WISCONSIN. Sept. 26. Winnebagoland Div., Midwest Region, NMRA Fall Meet. Host: Neenah-Menasha Model RR Club, 323 W. Forest Ave., Neenah. Slide-tape clinic, slide shows, tour Soo Line terminal facilities, home layouts, club layout op., live steam on display. Info. John Franzen, RR #1, Menasha, Wis.

CLUB NOTICES

ASTHABULA, OHIO. Ashtabula Model Railroad Club would like new members. Meetings Tues. & Thurs. eve. every week, 1334 Michigan Ave. In process of bldg. 500' HO layout. Contact Ray Sebell, 1833 W. 5th St. Phone: 964-9460.

SAN DIMAS, CALIF. West Covina Brotherhood of Model Railroaders have moved to 164 Bonita St., San Dimas. 3000 sq. ft. HO, HOn3, & traction. Meet Tues., 8 PM. Contact Jack Lewis, 824 S. Dancove Dr., West Covina, Calif. ED 9-6874.

BALTIMORE, MD. AREA. Exclusive O ga. electric traction Model RR Club. City, interurban & heavy elect. (pantograph op.) only. Ltd. charter membership open. W.B.&A. Tractioneers, Inc., 204 Indian Springs Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20901.

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA. Delaware Water Gap Model Engineers (formerly Pocono Model RR Club) meet each Thurs., 7:30 PM 592 E. Broad St. Interested HO gaugers invited. Contact William J. Laise, P.O. Box 91, East Stroudsburg. Phone: 421-0973.

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ALHAMBRA, CALIF. After 25 years, Pasadena Model RR Club has moved to new quarters—139 W. Main St., Alhambra, Calif. Phone: 284-2664. Info. Eugene O. Canfield, Secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA. The Falls Church Model RR Club seeking new members. "HO", HOn3 scales planned, possibly O & S as well. Plenty of equip., but looking for space. Info. Robert Keeler, 271 N. Washington St., Falls Church, Va., Phone JE 2-8750 from 5-10 PM.

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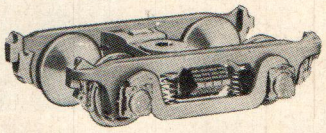

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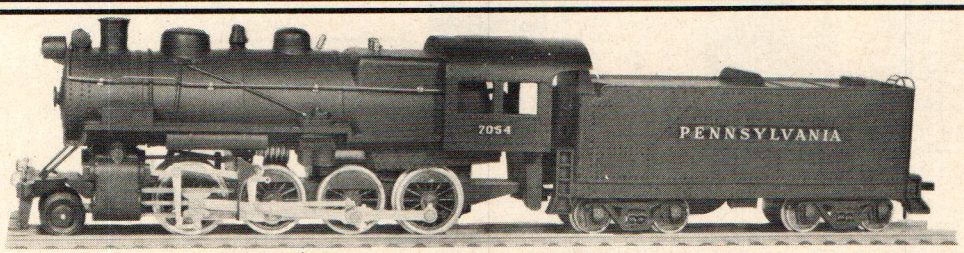

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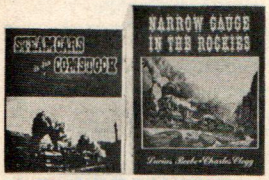

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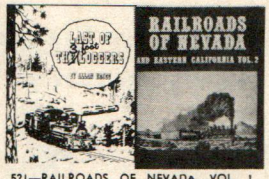

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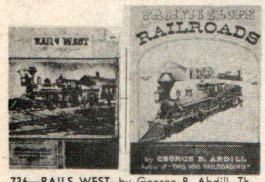

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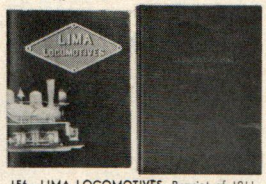

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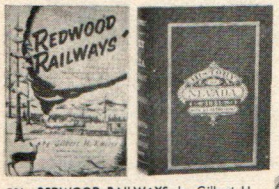

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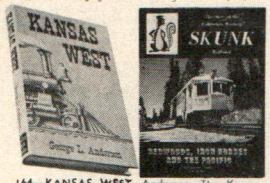

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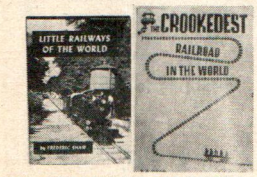

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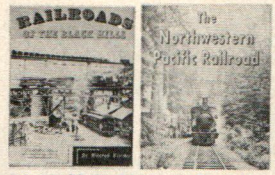

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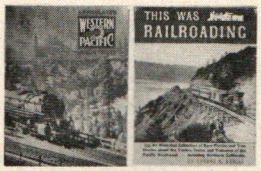

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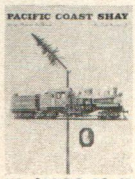

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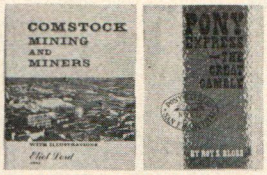

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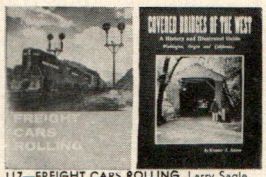

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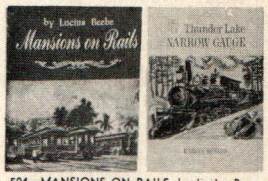

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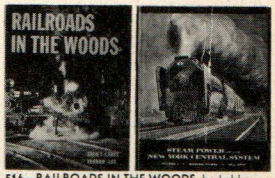

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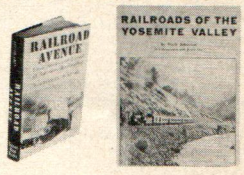

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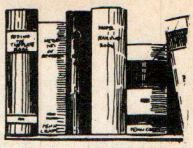

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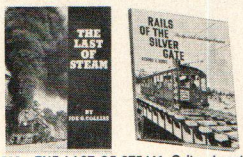

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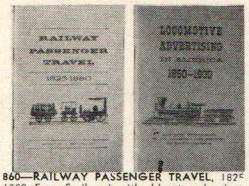

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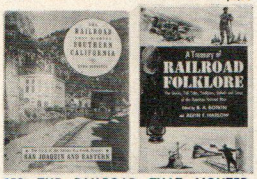

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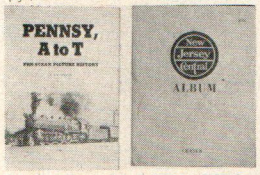

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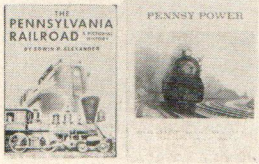

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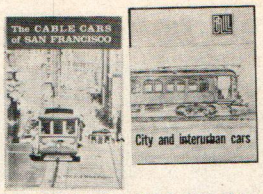

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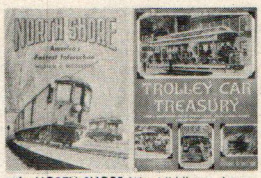

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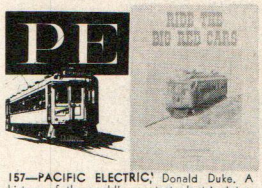

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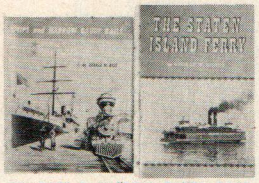

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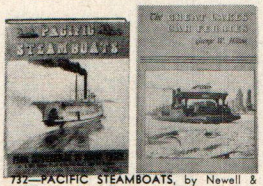

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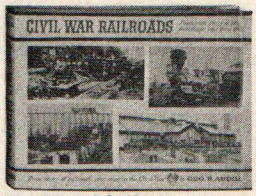

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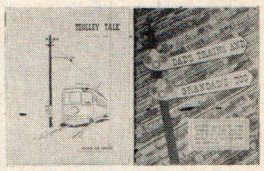

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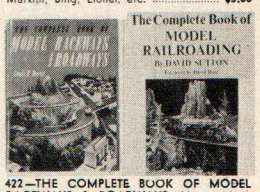

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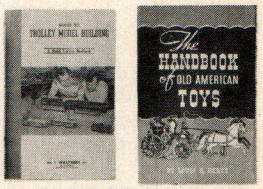

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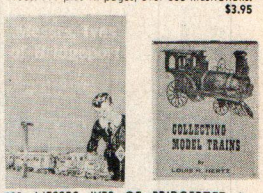

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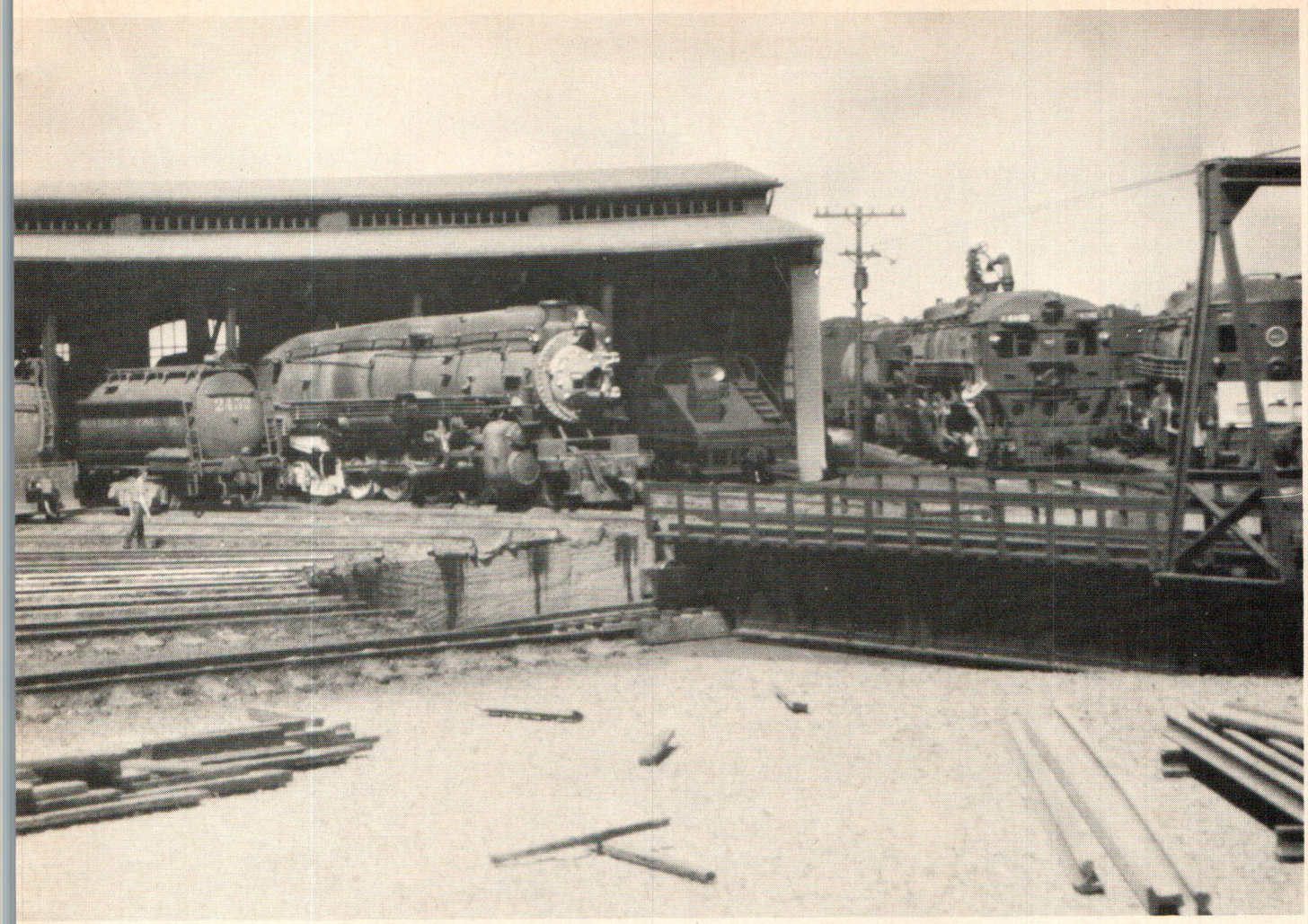
A Day at the ROUNDHOUSE

by Paul Jansen

There's a constant parade of gorgeous steam power in and around the Paul Jansen engine terminal and we'd gladly add any of them to our roster.

RIGHT: Typical of the many small engine terminals found in operation during the 1930's is this Jansen model made from a Vollmer kit but extensively altered to house more and larger engines.

BELOW: The giant AC-4 Cab-Forward was Max Gray's production sample and the first one in the U.S. The crew is giving her a first rate going over.



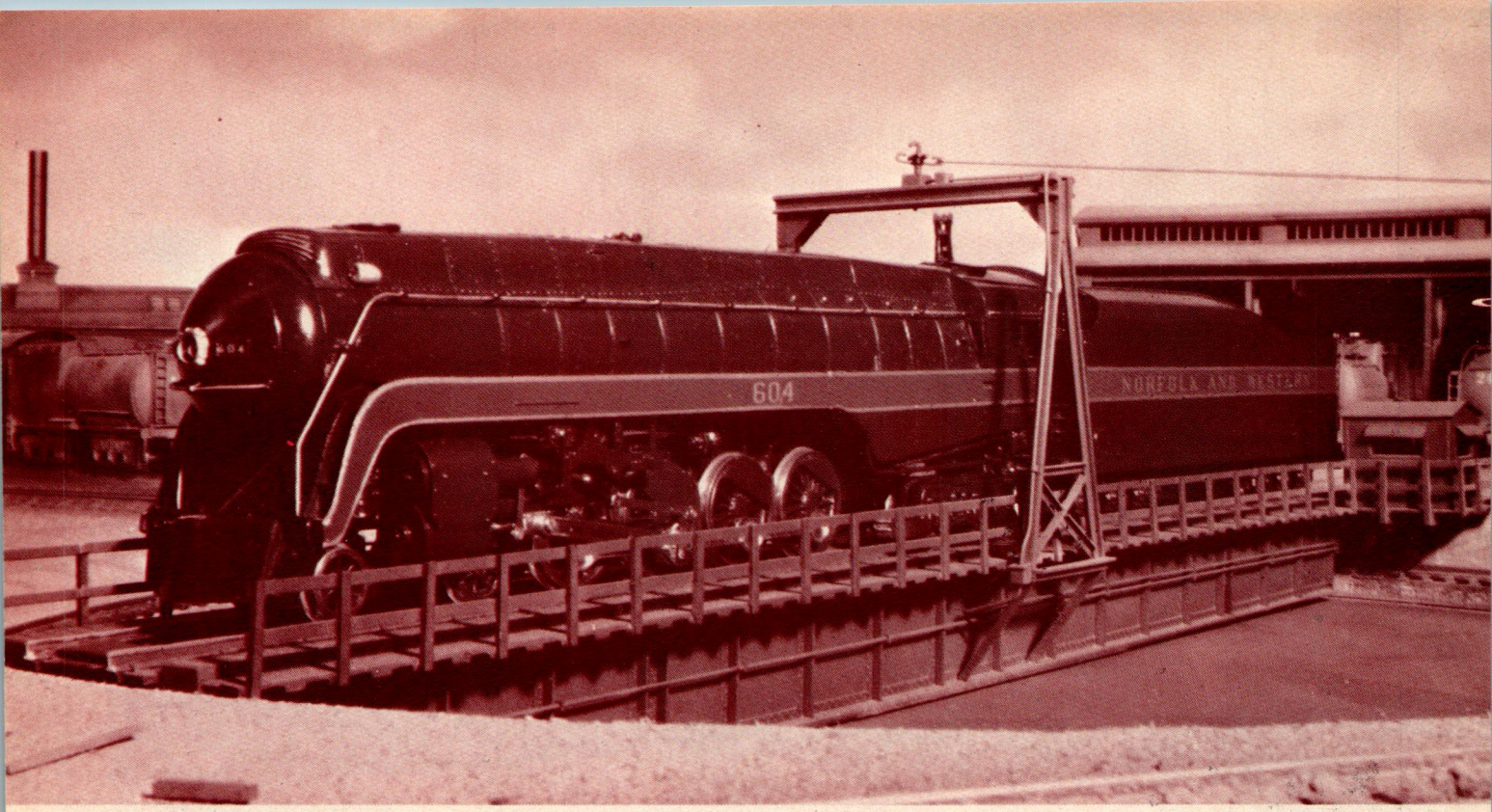
JUST AS some railroad modelers are primarily interested in scenery or operation, so other modelers prefer to customize quality locomotive models and photograph them in near-prototypical settings.

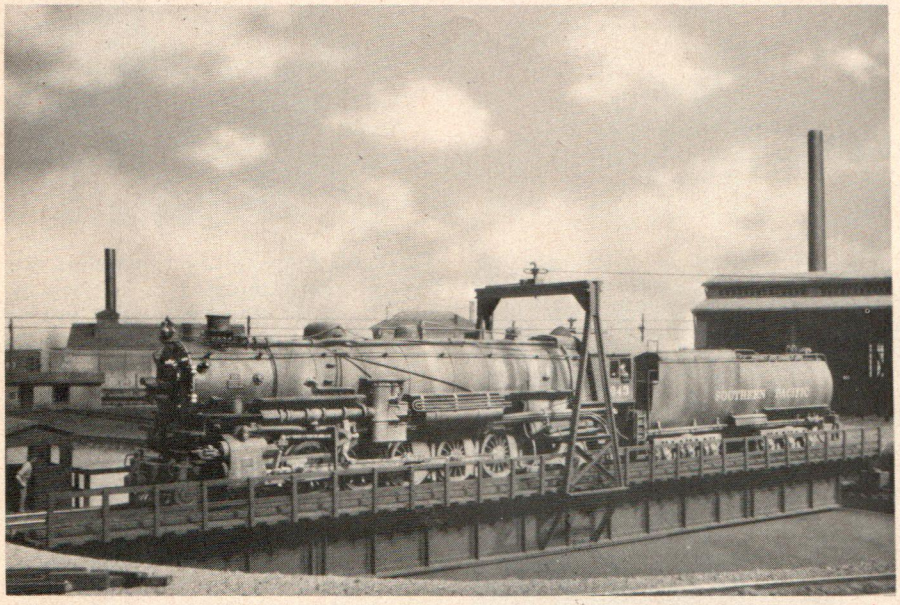
One of the leaders in the perfection-detail school is HOer Paul Jansen, who has also been known to duplicate his efforts in scale O with equal or even better results.

Lacking space for a layout at present, Paul has nevertheless created a giant new engine facility which permits photographing from just about any desired angle. An earlier photographic setting was often pictured in RMC but lacked the versatility and depth of the new setting.

Heart of the new engine terminal is a thoroughly enlarged and reworked Vollmer 6-stall engine house, lengthened with brick sheet. The turntable is a combination of Atlas and Revell parts, to which were added a fence and bridge for power feed.

Most of the engines found on the Jansen setup are Southern Pacific but its not at all rare to find foreign locos bearing such names as Norfolk & Western, or New York Central. Paul's excellent modeling and photographic capabilities have brought him to the attention of several west coast importers who make frequent use of his talents.

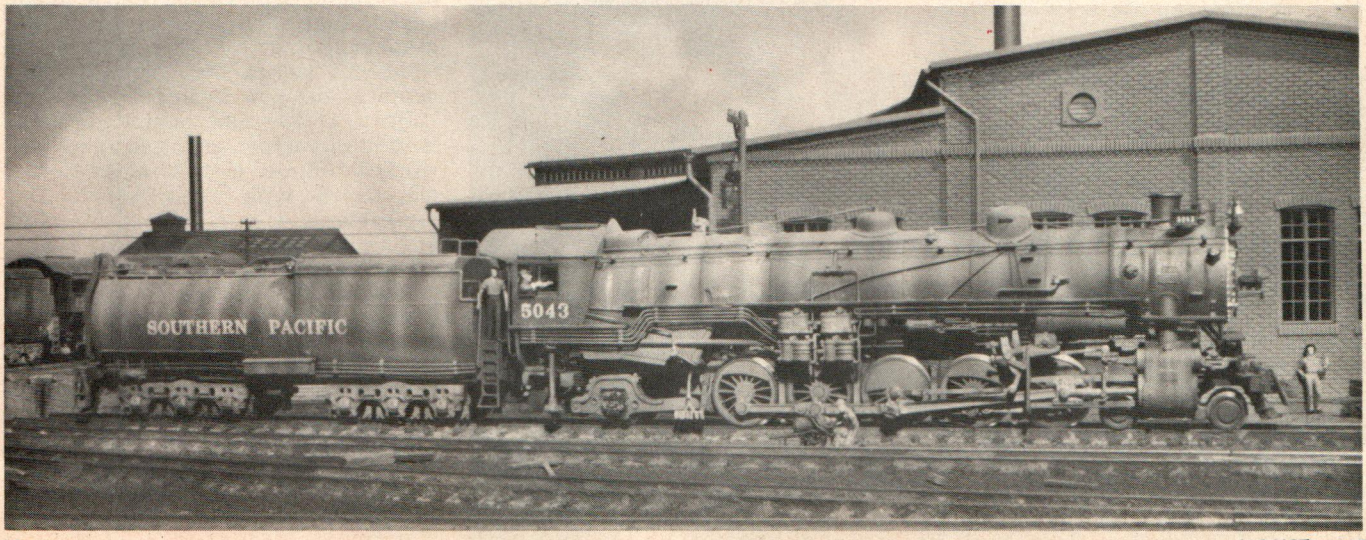




TOP: A rare HO Norfolk & Western class J 4-8-4 owned by Pete Constantatas of San Francisco. The turntable is a combination of Atlas and Revell bridges with scratch built power feed and fence.

LEFT: Max Gray SP 5000 class 4-10-2 gets turned on the new Jansen turntable. As per western practice, Jansen gave roundhouse an open front.

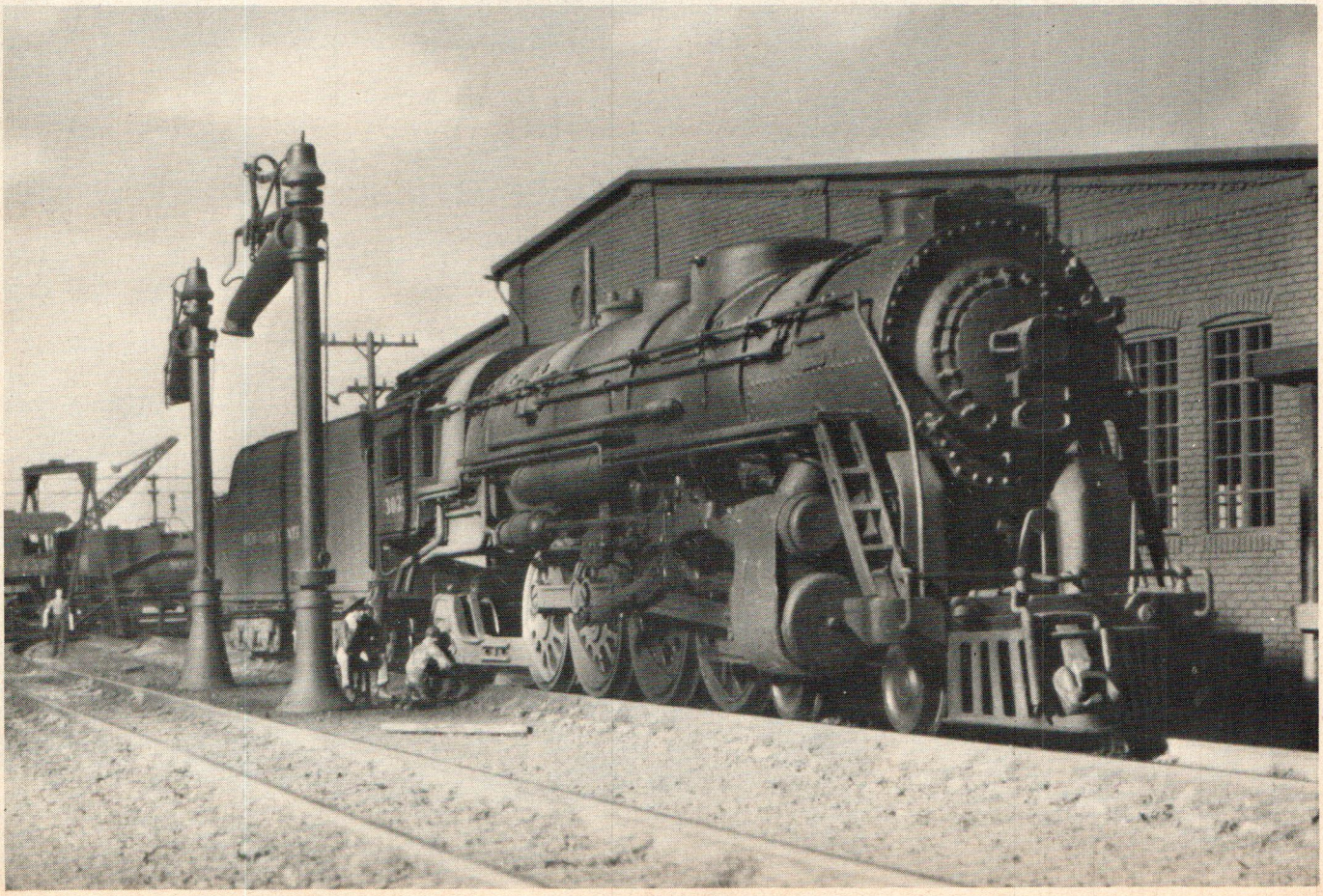
BELOW: Another view of the giant No. 5043, owned by Bob DuPont, and painted and weathered by Jim Williams of South San Francisco, California.



TOP: Who says steam engines all look alike? Differences between the AC-12 and AC-4 class cab-forward articulates show up plainly in this head on view as the two engines await their turn for water and fuel assignments.

photos by Paul Jansen

BELOW: Pennsy fan Gene Demling's first attempt at weathering is this giant New York Central Mohawk, far from home on Jansen's terminal.



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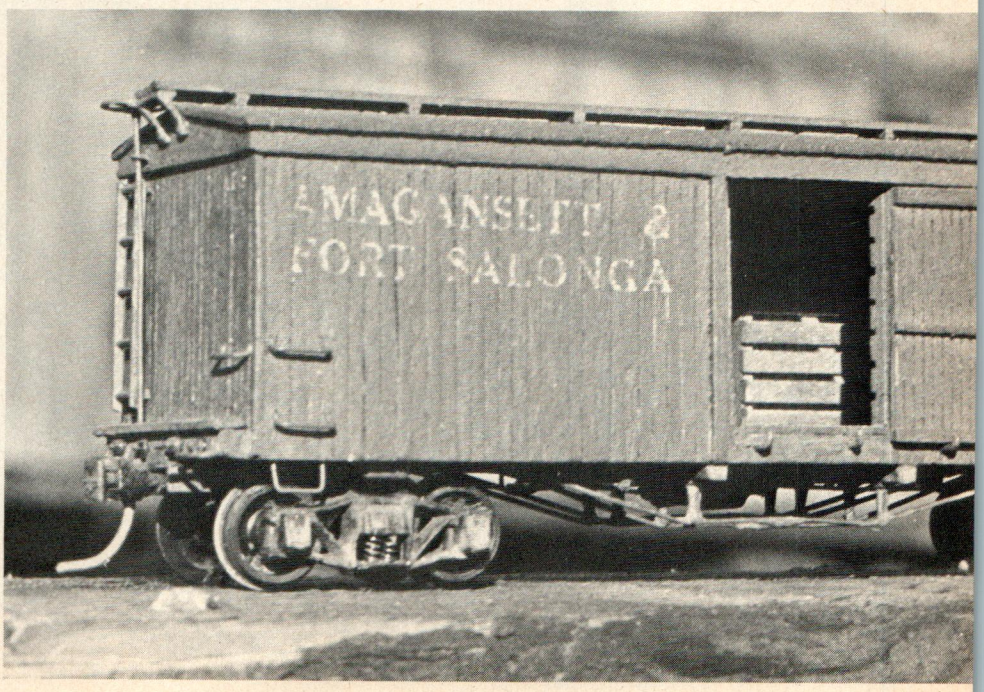
BOOMER

Andrews and his men prepare to steal the train

THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE is depicted in an HO scale diorama built by Robert N. Watson, 119 Blauvelt Ave. Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey, for exhibition at the Paramus (N.J.) Historical Society. The original General locomotive was built at the famous Rogers Works in nearby Paterson. The licomotive model and cars are from the famous Tyco Works, also in New Jersey!



Oldtime 36 ft. wood boxcar, built by Frank W. Skutsch, 56 Commander Ave., Garden City, N.Y., used individual stripwood for floor and side construction, and features full brake rigging. The model took 3rd place at the NER Bellows Falls, Vermont spring convention in May.

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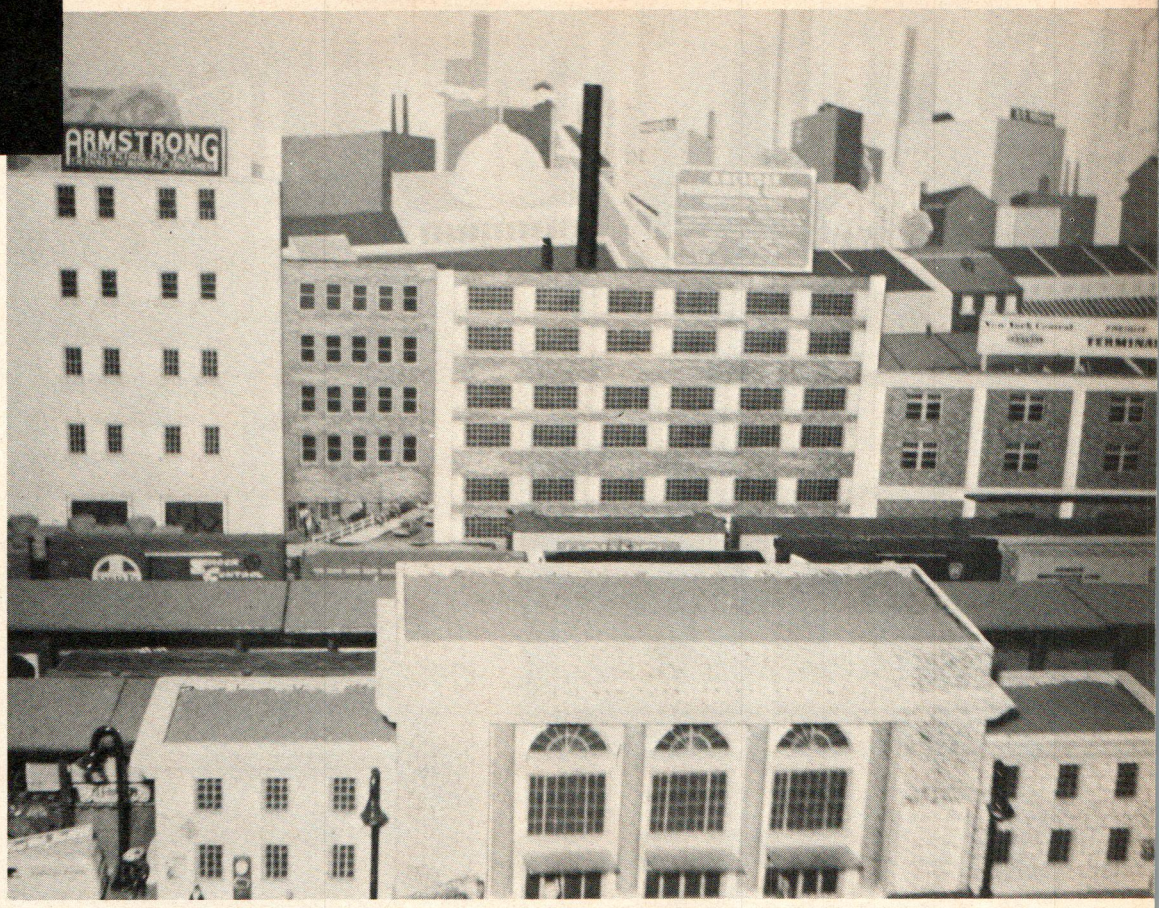
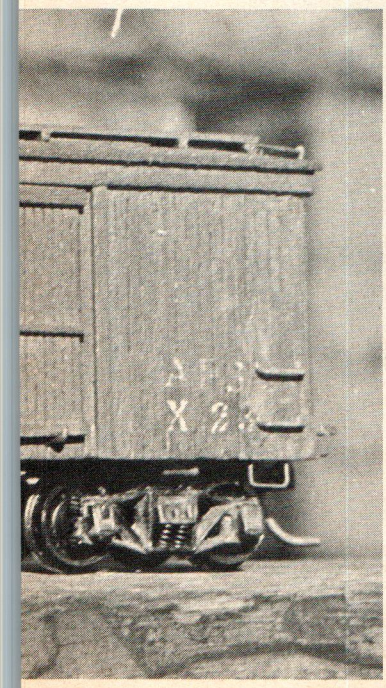
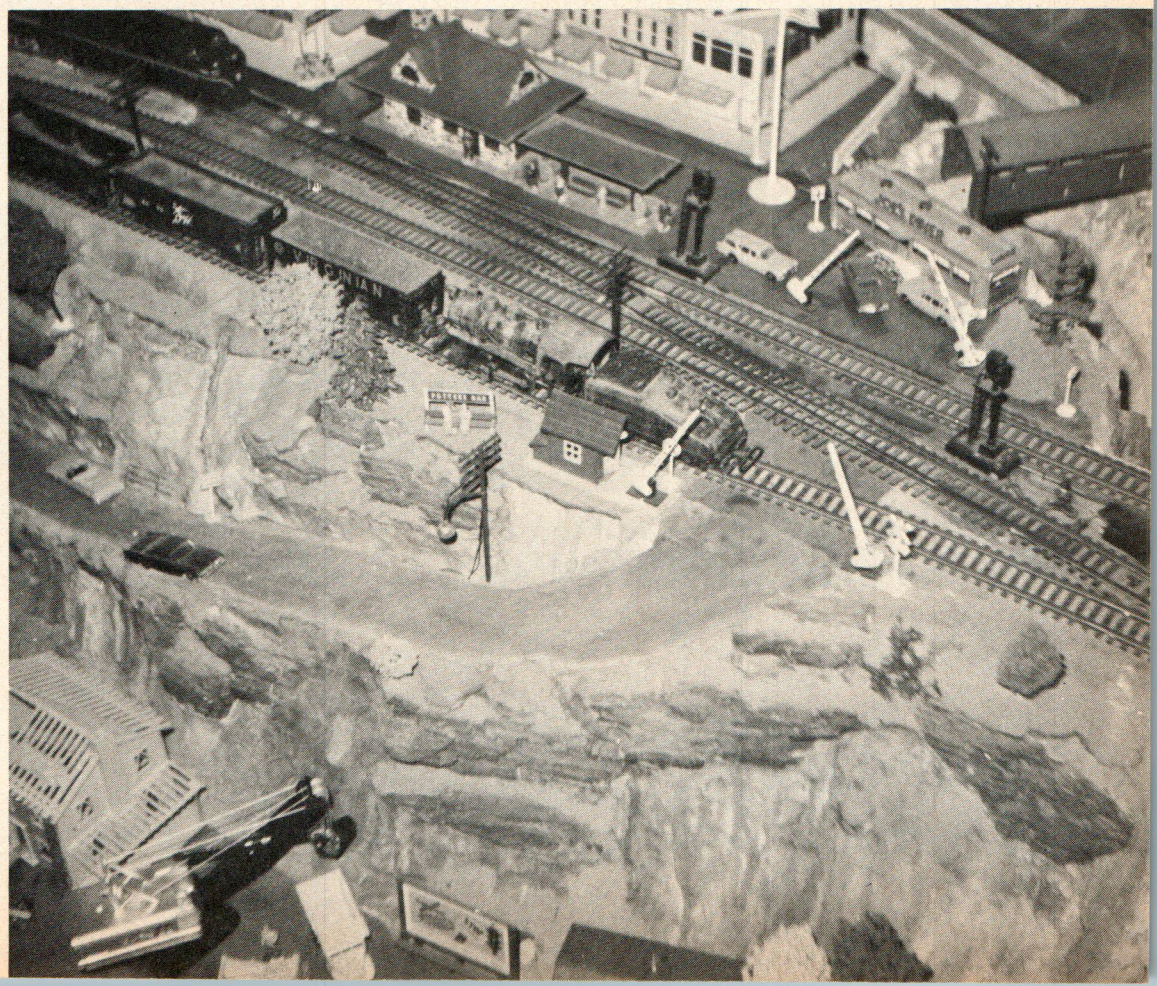


Another scene on the Cliff Walker pike shows the diversity of scenic construction. Most structures at Irvington are kit built. Rock outcroppings are decayed wood pieces set in wire and plaster terrain. Hey, lets get those gates down before somebody gets clobbered!

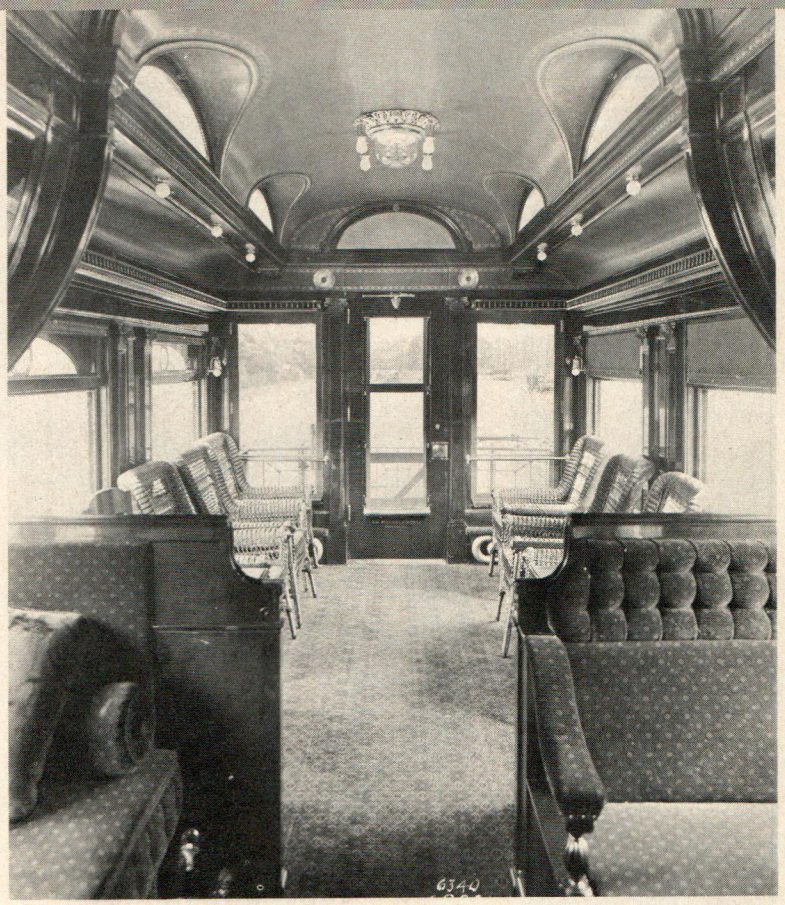
The big city scene is generally avoided by most model rails but not by Clifford Walker, 38 West Street, Newtown, Conn. 06470, an HOer since 1938,. The giant station building is scratch built, as are the station platforms and the 3-D background buildings.





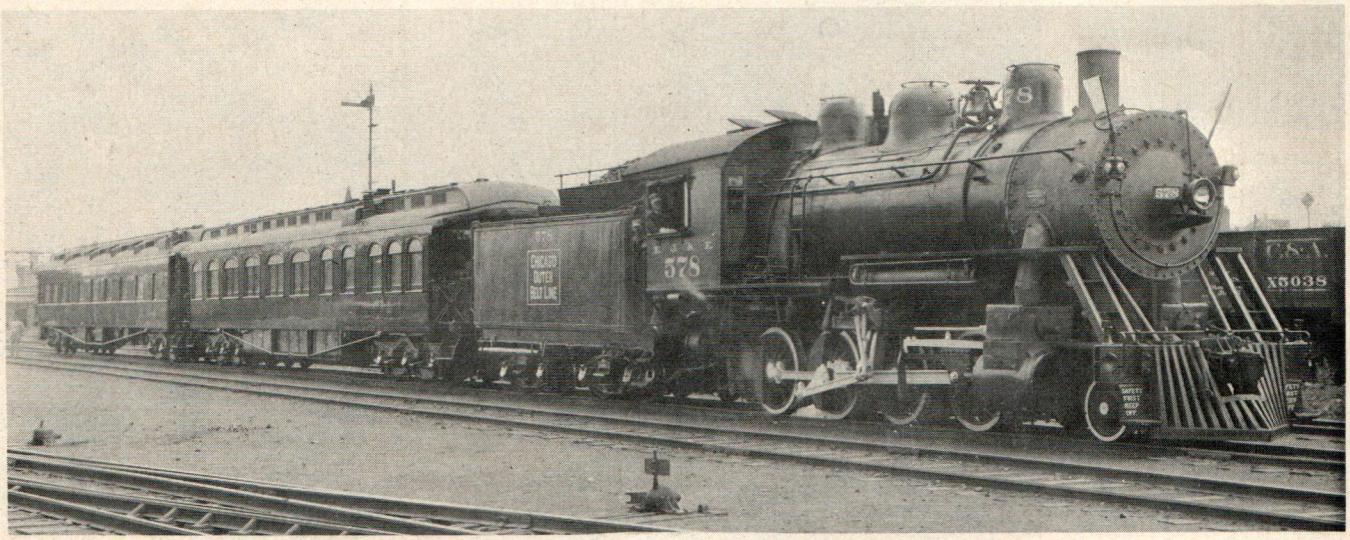
PRIVATE CAR No. 40

Moving day, Feb. 1, 1964, was the start of Car 40's last trip. Along for the last ride were Bob Bullerman, Russ Porter, and Bob Ferge, and Rob and Sue Porter. Car has all wood body.

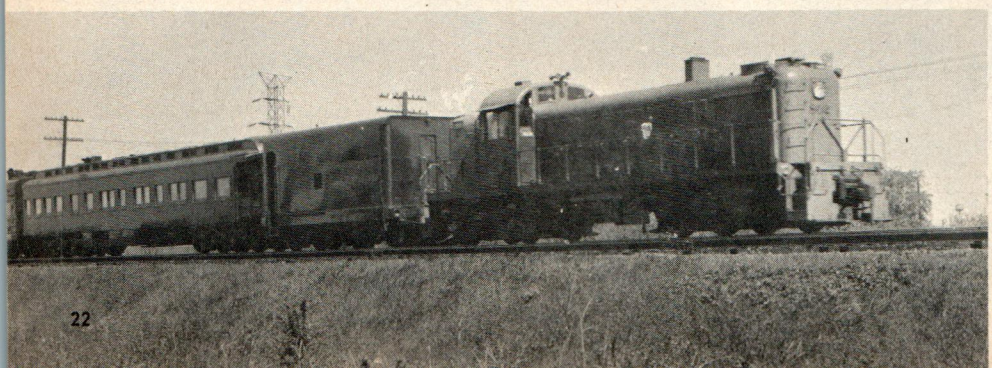


Pullman Standard's archives turned up this fine view of the car's interior when brand new at the Pullman shops in 1901. 40 was a lady!

Russ Porter, RMC's Midwestern Editor, bought Elgin, Joliet & Eastern's Private Car No. 40, built by Pullman in 1901 and rebuilt in 1951, as a summer and retirement home. Plans by Russ show the car as built and as rebuilt.



With engineer A. Benson and fireman E. Ashley in the cab of 2-8-0 No. 578, Cars 50 and 40 go for a tour on June 3, 1936, as a special.



Another special, May 15, 1956, saw cars 103 and 40 riding behind Alco road switcher 802. No. 40 had by now been completely rebuilt.

Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

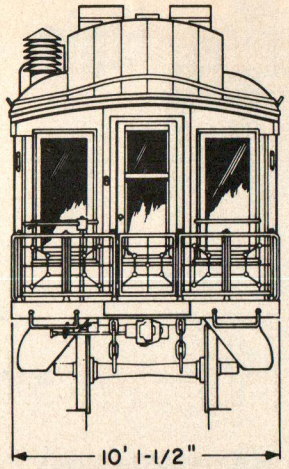
PRIVATE CAR NO. 40

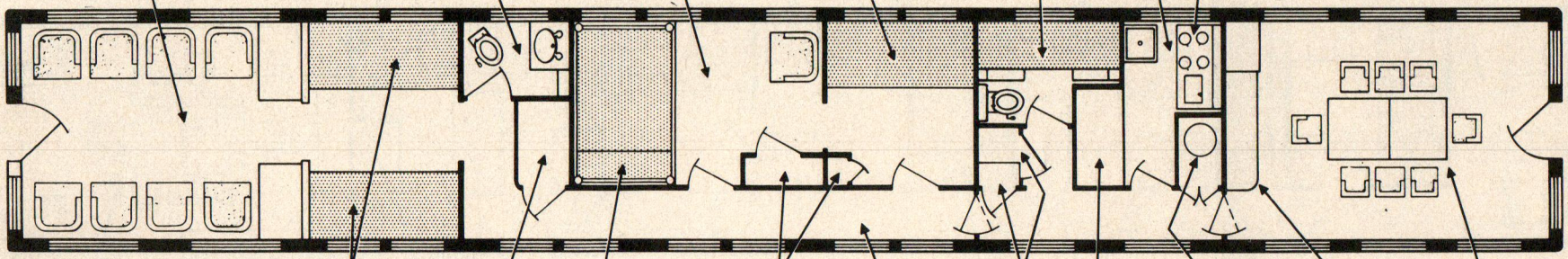
BUILT BY PULLMAN IN 1901

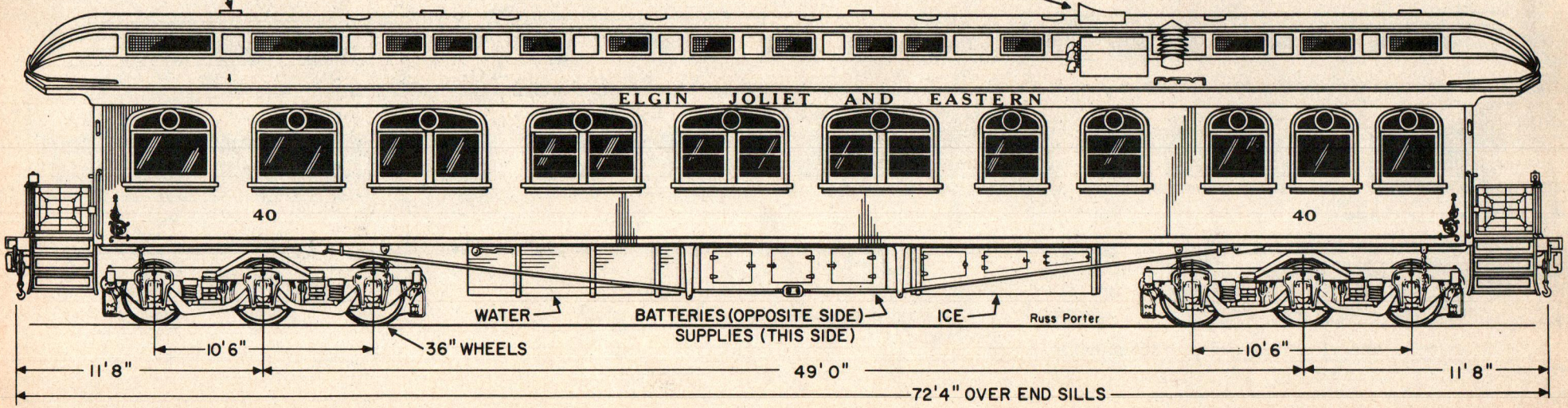
drawn by Russ Porter

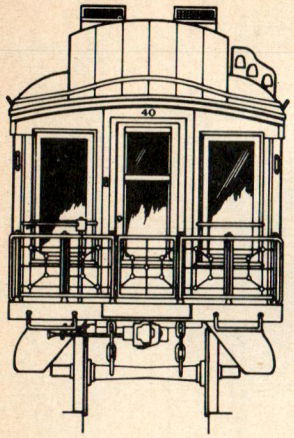
DINING ROOM END SHOWN

BOTH OBSERVATION PLATFORM DETAILS IDENTICAL









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CAR NO. 40

AS REBUILT IN 1951

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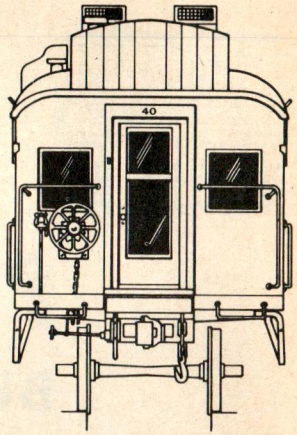

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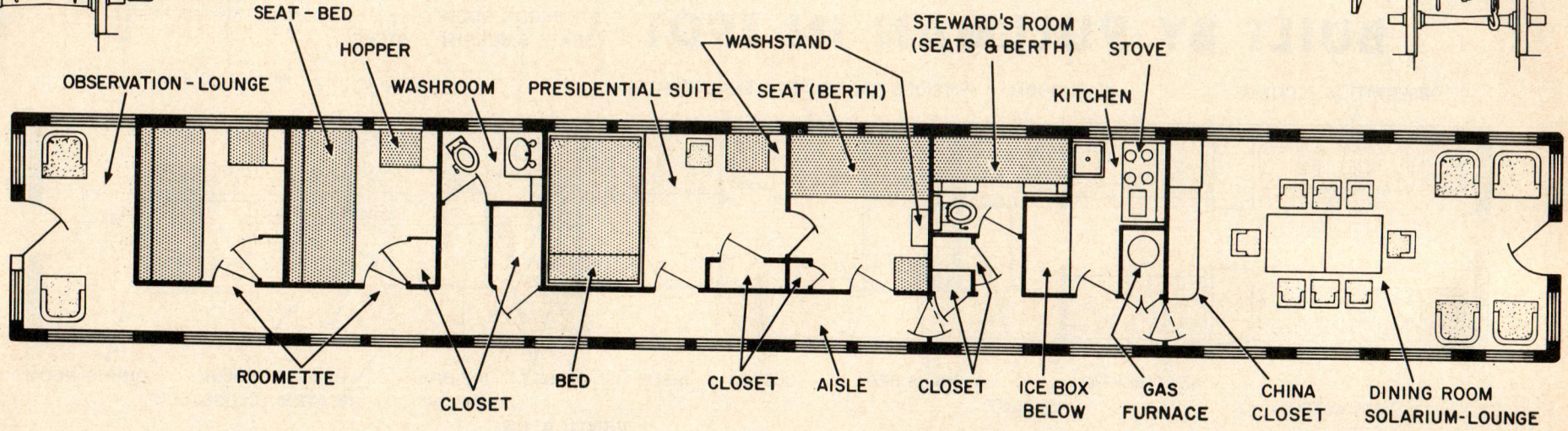
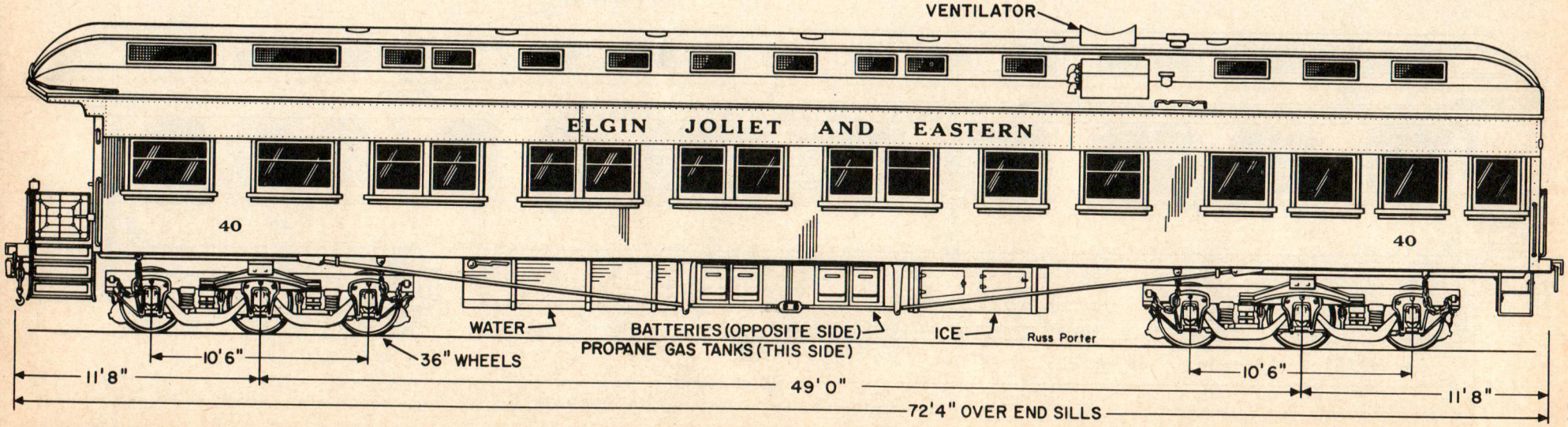




IN 1901, the Pullman Company built, for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, an elegant private car numbered 40.** As a freight only belt line around Chicago, stretching from Waukegan, Ill., through Joliet (the main terminal) to Gary and Porter, Ind.; the EJ&E Ry. Presidents used #40 on many business trips.

Car 40 had the rare distinction of beginning and ending its career as a Presidential car, something alas, the majority of fine private cars did not do. Most of them spent their declining years in work trains, at the tail end of circus trains and in a few cases as instruction cars. After it was rebuilt in 1951, it was I believe the only private car in existance with an observation platform at one end and a solarium at the other.

Off her trucks, Car 40 is ready for a move to her new home at the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

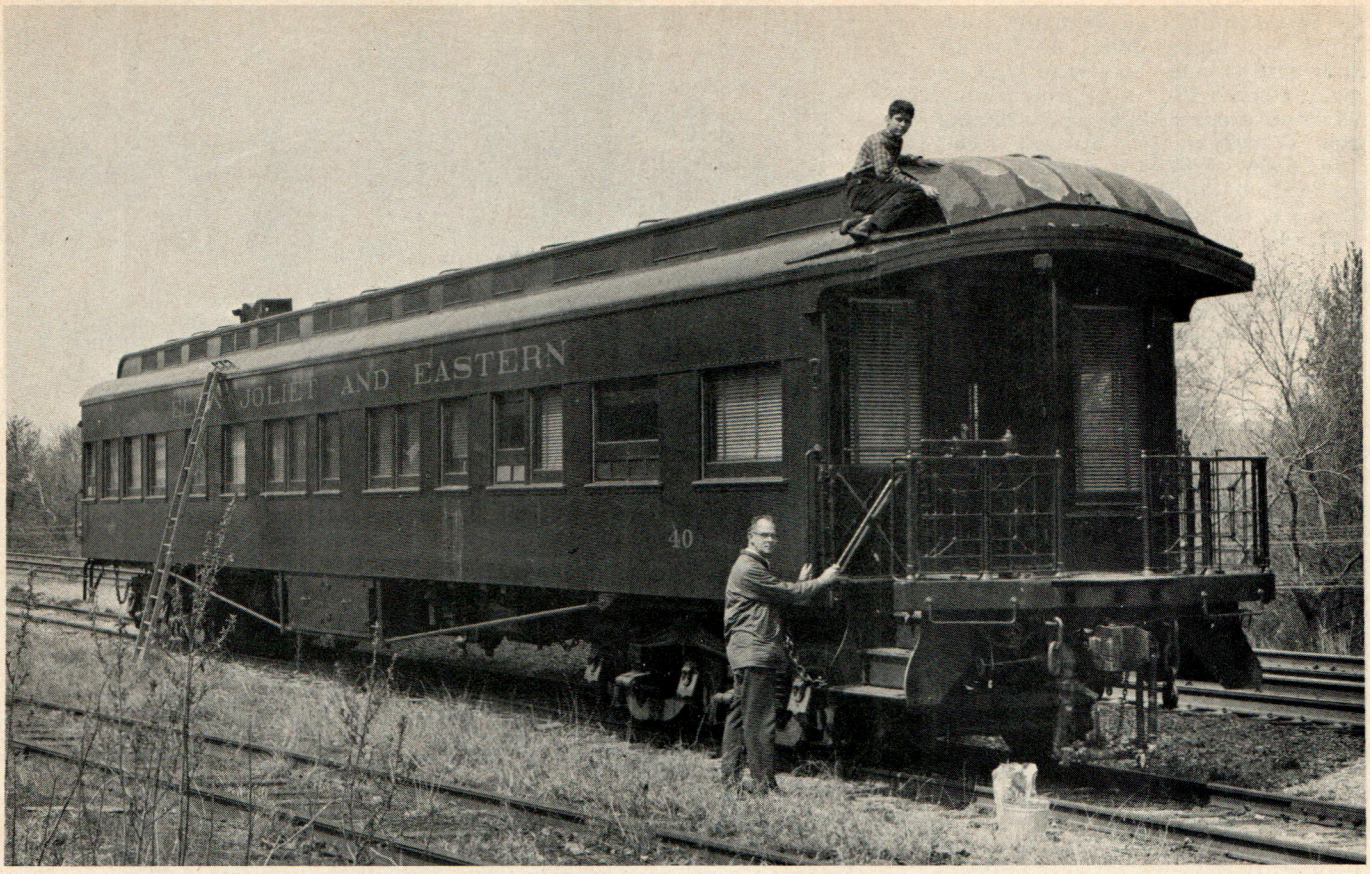
On her way during a near blinding snowstorm, Car 40 travels slowly down the highway. These were breath taking moments for all concerned.

Car 40 was placed in storage at Joliet, Ill. in 1959 until 1963 when it was purchased by me. In March 1965 it was placed on a newly laid 90 foot length of track on my lot near Wisconsin Dells, Wis. In the summer the car will once again have the aroma of coal smoke, as it is situated near the north end turntable of the 15" ga. "Riverside & Great Northern Railway," which constructs steam locomotives and cars for sale throughout the USA. In the Fall and Winter, the mainline of the Milwaukee Road can be seen from almost every window of car 40.

The family plans to gradually remodel the car to a period of about 1930 and is now restoring the brass railing at the observation end. The dark mahogany interior needs no work, but the modern, flush ceiling lights in the lounge will be replaced by grass fixtures. Outside lettering was recently completed. In the near future, the ornate scrollwork as shown on the exterior plan of the 1901, will be attempted. Car is being used as a summer home and art studio now and will be our retirement home in the future.

ABOVE: 40 is backed into the lot at her new home on a specially prepared length of track. Car 40's two trucks were trucked in earlier.

BELOW: Off the lowbed trailer, Car 40 is now lowered gently on to her six wheel trucks. Every move had to be done with utmost care.

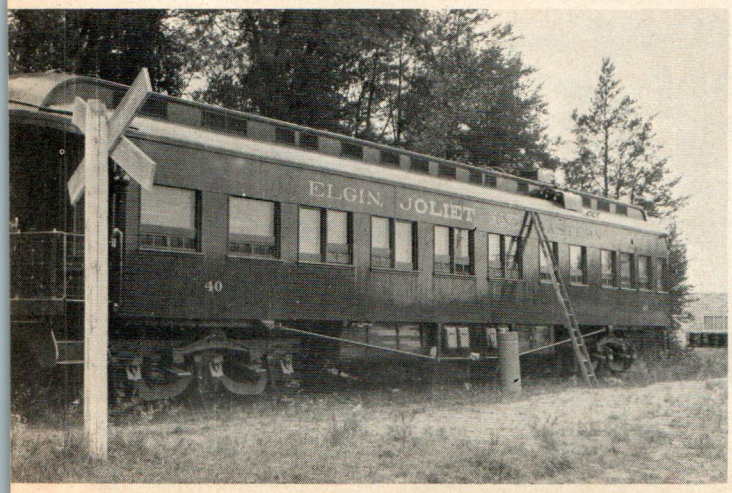


Porter and son Rob at work refinishing the copper roof end prior to moving the car. When built, car boasted arch windows, two end platforms, and arched clerestory windows. Rebuilding was in 1951.

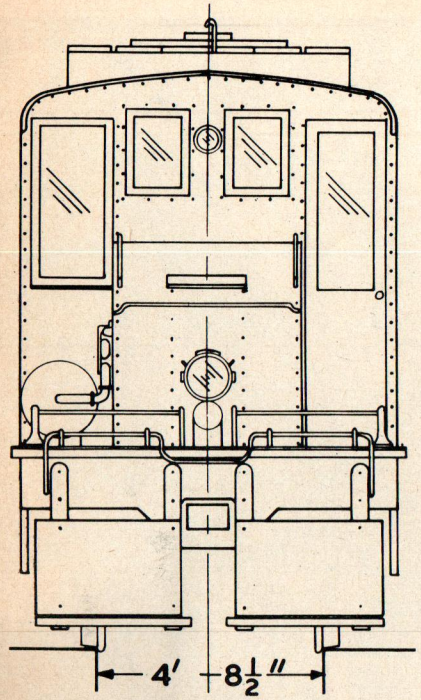
Modern solarium end replaced second open platform in 1951, at same time that steel plate was added to cover graceful old arch windows.

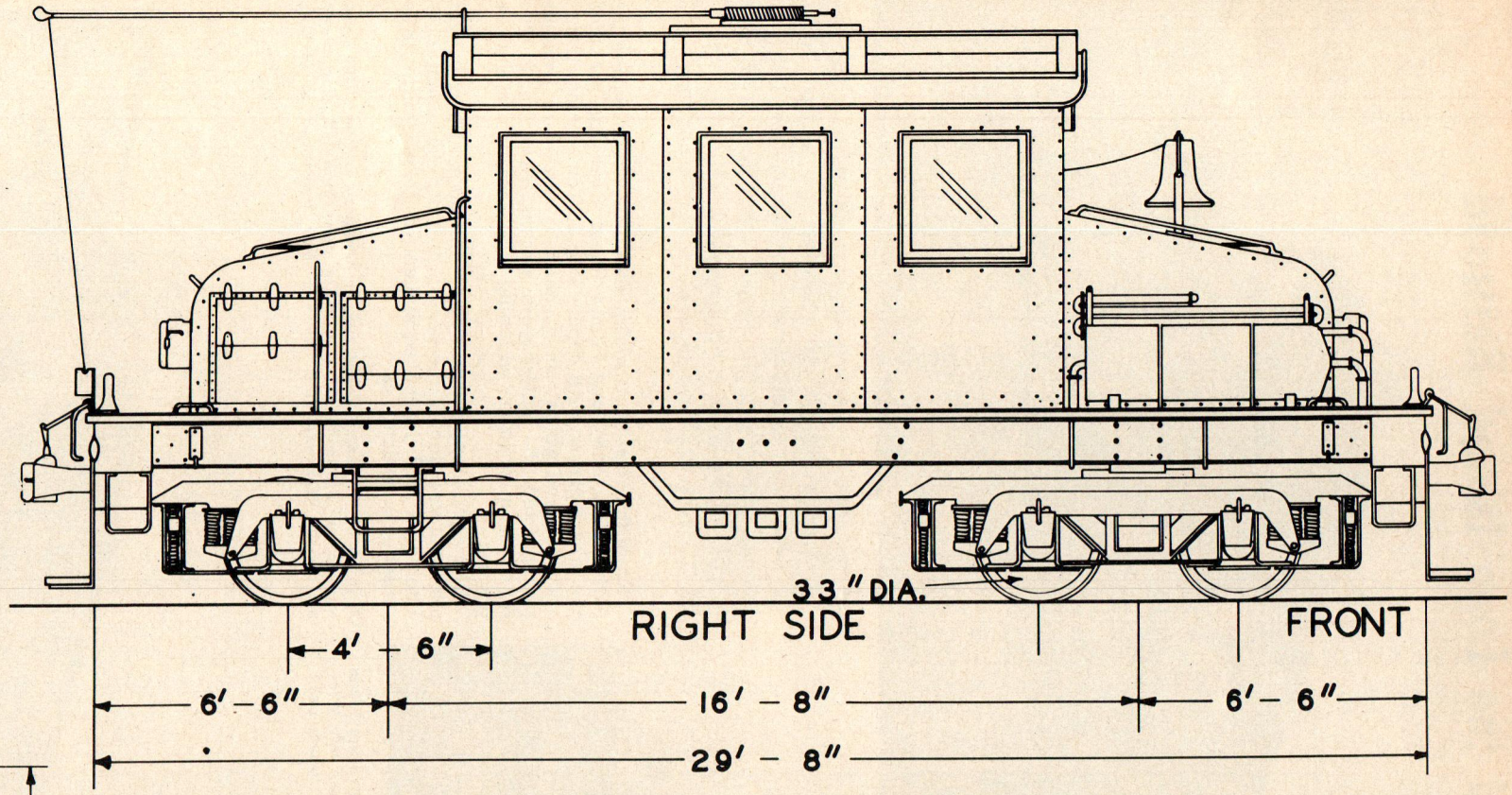
Photos by Ben Benson, EJ&ERR; Russ Porter, Pullman Standard Car Co., and EJ&ERR archives.

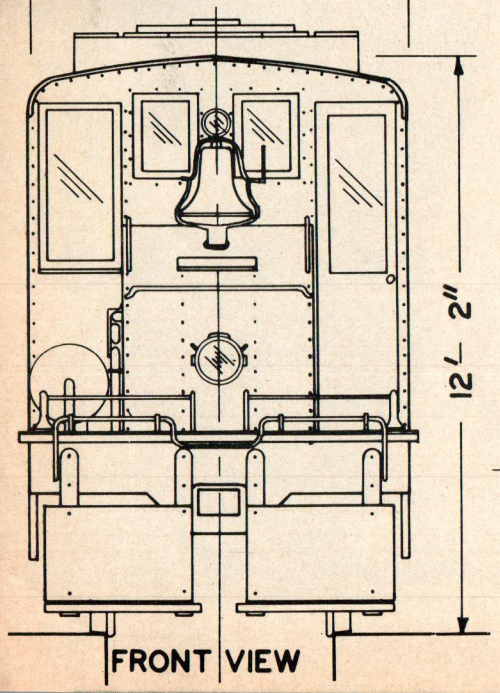
40 at rest at her new home near the Wisconsin Dells, mounted on a length of specially laid track. Plans are to remodel the car much as she was in 1930. To be added: ornate exterior gold scrollwork.



Much restoration work was done prior to time car was moved to new home. In this view, 40 is receiving new road name lettering and brass restoration. Car is pictured in Beebe's "Pullman Palace Cars."



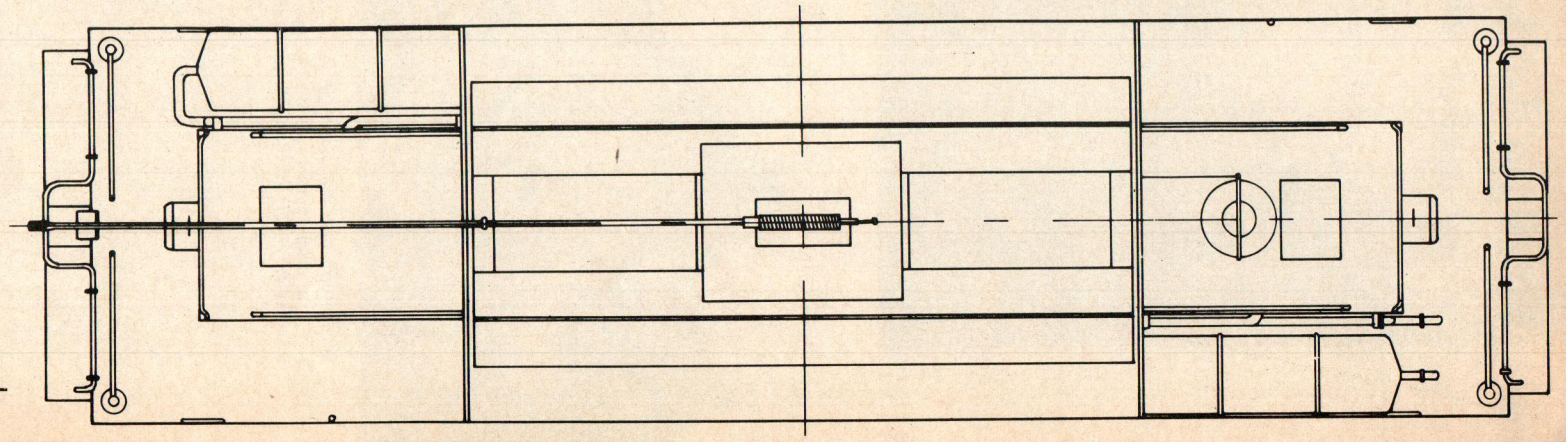




KANSAS CITY, KAW VALLEY WESTERN RY.

drawn by Larry Jackman

Kansas City, Kaw Valley & Western bought this chunky 45 ton steeple cab locomotive in 1944 from the Transit Equipment Co. of Passaic, N. J. and scrapped her in 1956.



Multiple Unit Cars of the Long Island Railroad

by Jeffrey Winslow

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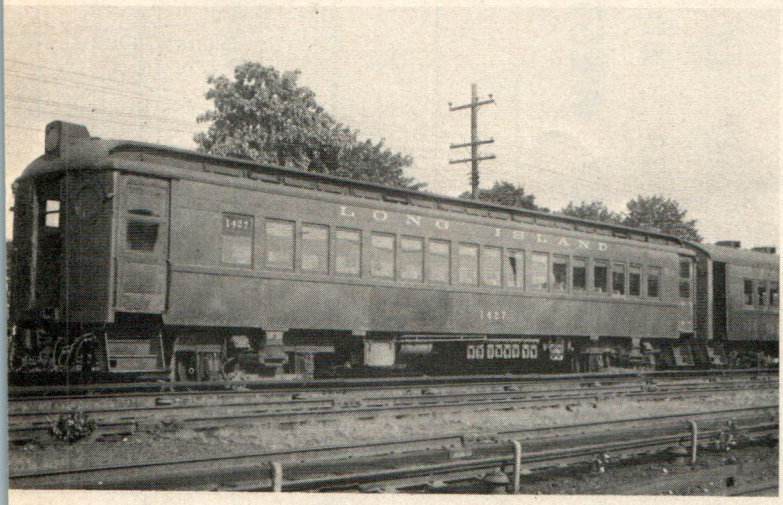


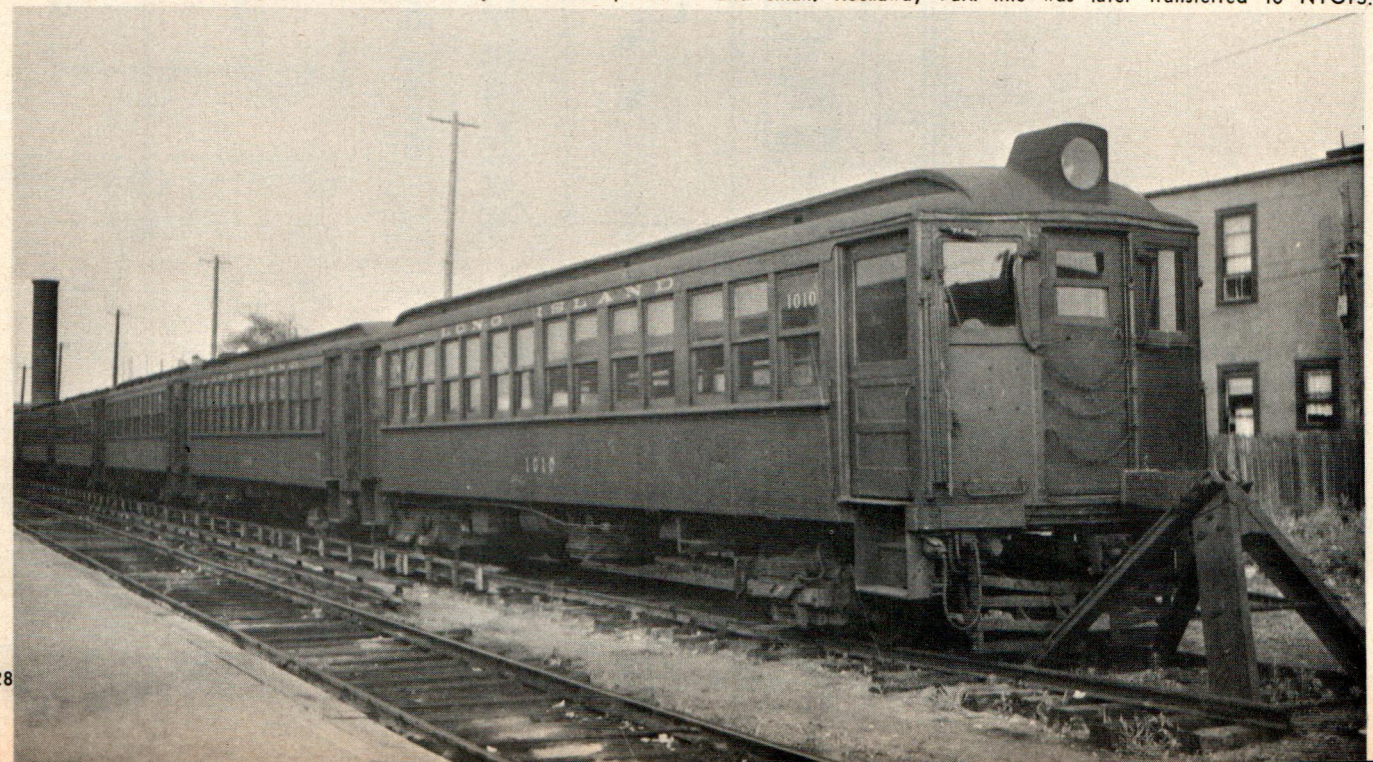
MP54 type multiple unit cars were also at home on the Long Island but are disappearing rapidly as newer cars take over. Jeff Winslow caught 1427 at Hempstead back in the days of tuscan paint.

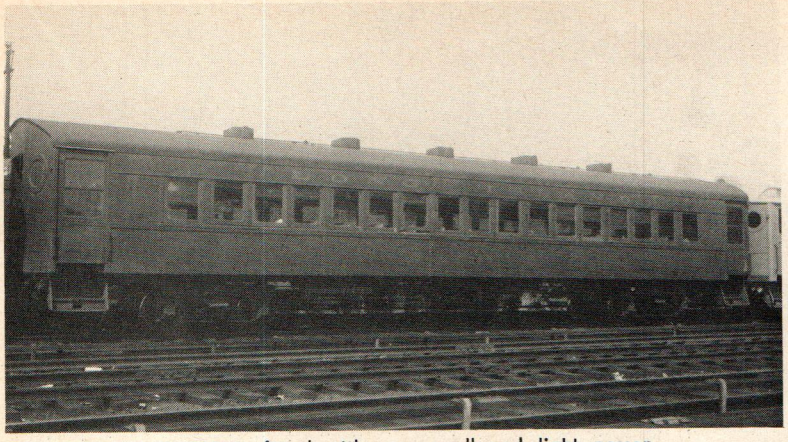
One of the first railroads to adopt all steel passenger equipment completely, the Long Island has gone through several transitions with its fleet of multiple unit equipment.

From the start of its multiple unit operation during the early 1900's, the Long Island Rapid Road has provided the area it serves with dependable and clean mass transportation and was at times thanked with abuse from its patrons and the newspapers serving New York, who found it a popular whipping boy lacking retaliatory powers.

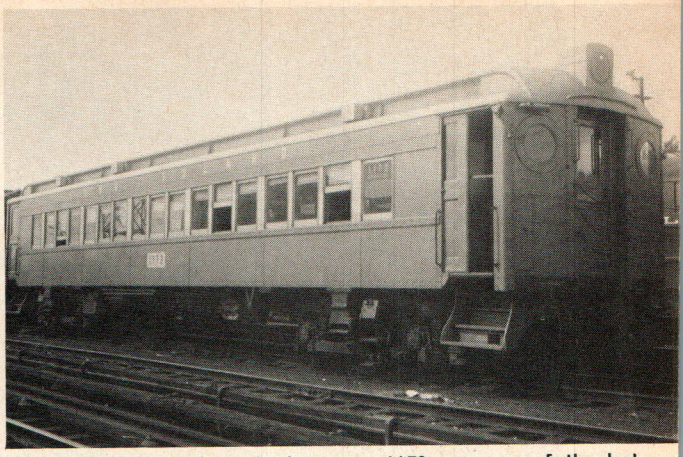
The equipment shown depicts the major types bought and operated during the period 1910 through about 1950. Photos of still newer equipment will be shown in a subsequent article.

A string of the famed Gibbs cars at Rockaway Park in 1940. Series was similar in size to IRT and H&M cars; were old, slow, noisy, and small. Rockaway Park line was later transferred to NYCTS.





MU trailer coach 989 is fitted with very small and light passenger trucks. Similar coaches saw service on New York Central and Boston & Maine. Car type has very rarely been modeled.



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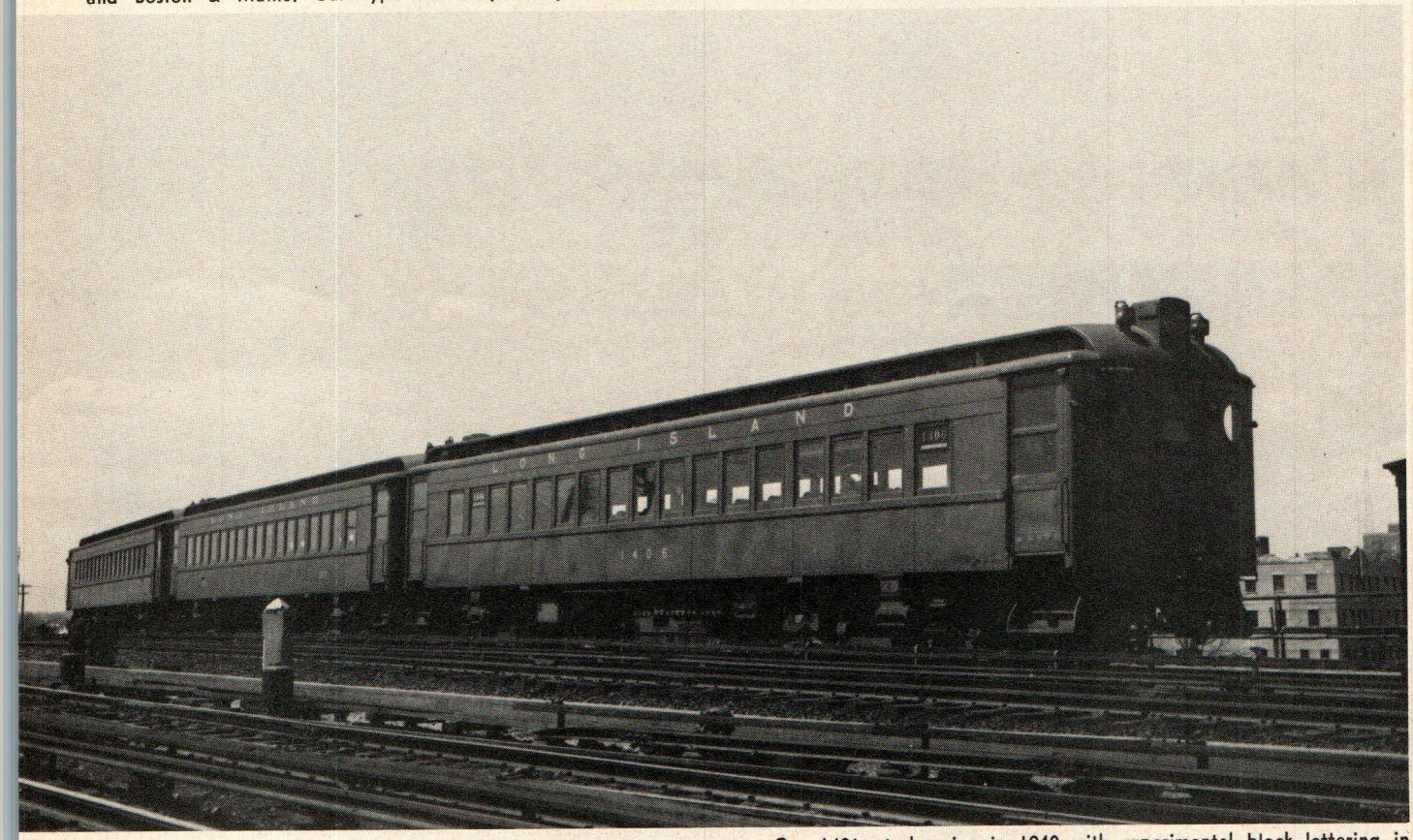
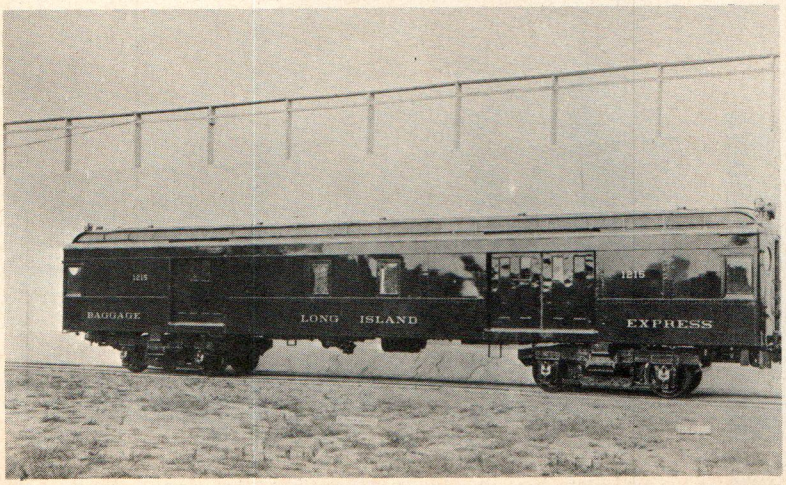
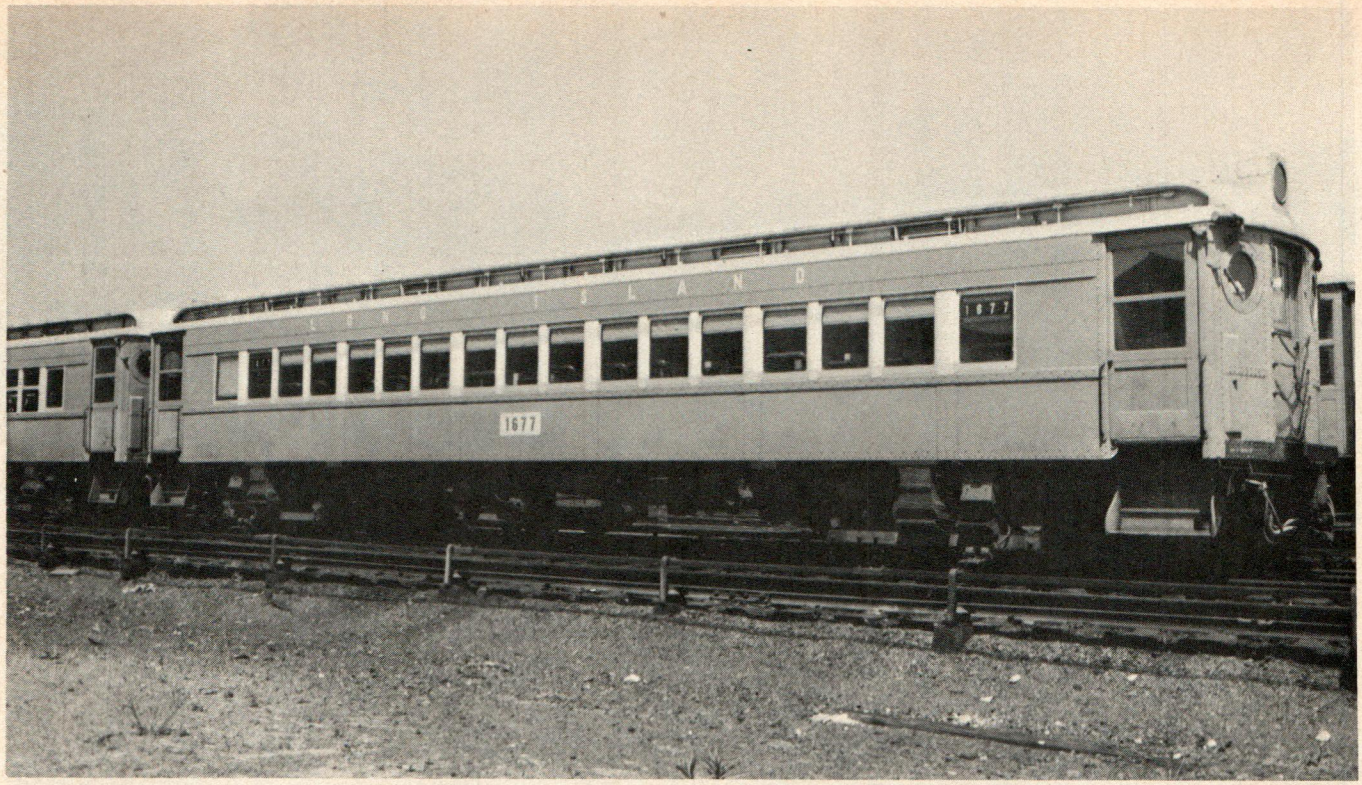


Baggage Express motor 1215 built by ACF and still in operation in 1965. Strong ties with parent Pennsylvania Railroad gave LIRR equipment that Pennsy look until color scheme changes of 1940's.

Car 1406 at Jamaica in 1940 with experimental block lettering in gold on tuscan red body. LIRR retained Pennsy style lettering until post war receivership when new grey color scheme was adopted.

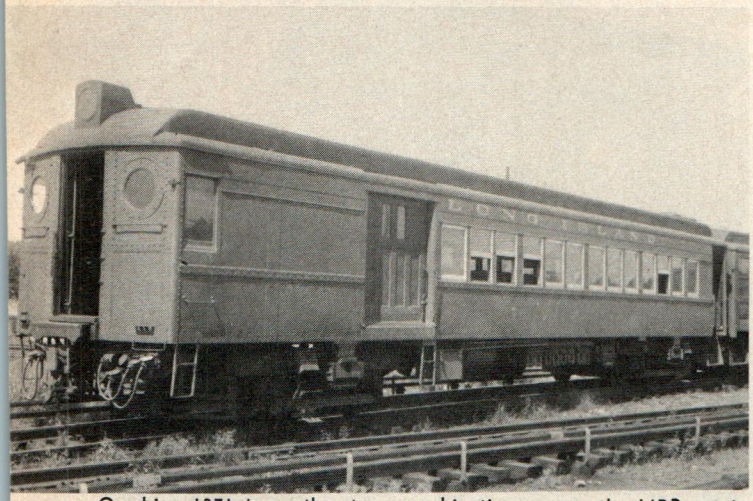


Baggage-RPO-Coach combine 1382 in tuscan red paint at Morris Park in 1940. Porthole windows were distinctive LIRR-PRR feature.

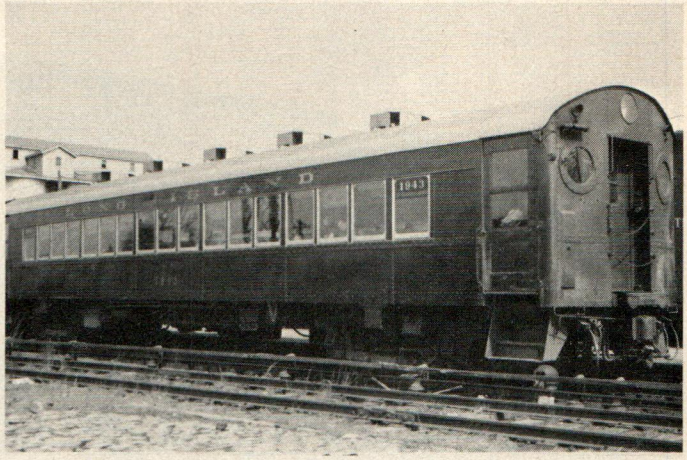


Part 1 showing steam and diesel locos appeared in RMC, April 1964, p. 36.

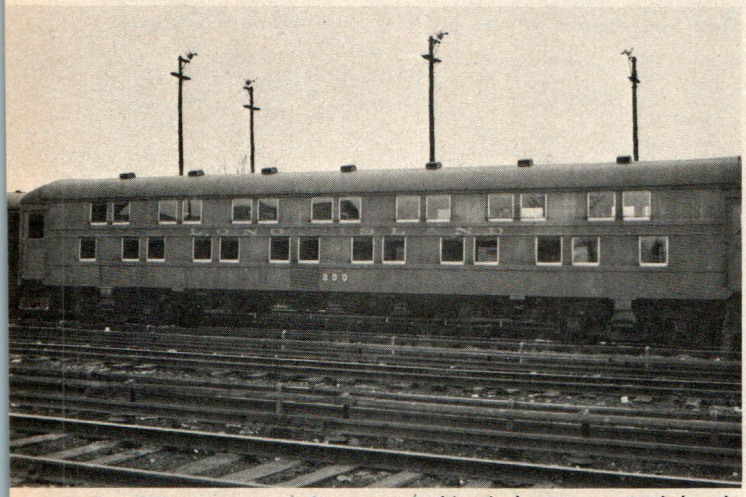
Club car 1677 fitted out with chairs is part of the Long Island's special service for those who can afford to pay for the finest in commutation service. Light grey color scheme adopted in 1940's.



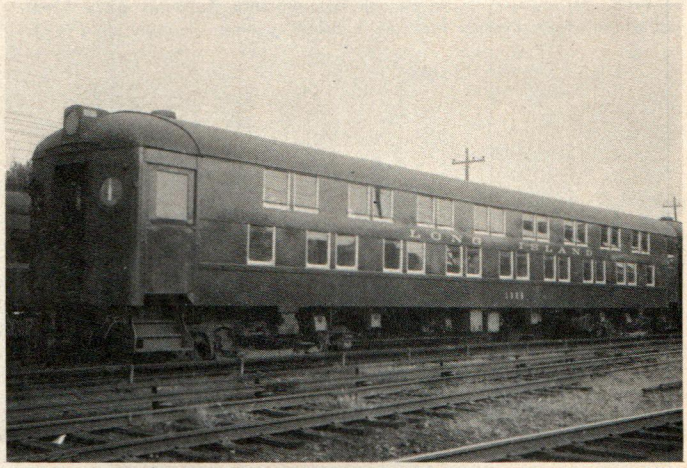
Combine 1371 is another type combination car on the LIRR retaining same basic design. Snapped at Babylon while in tuscan paint.



Distinctively Long Island is the road's fleet of arch roof, flat end multiple unit motors, trailers, and coaches. 1943 is an all coach MU decked out in tuscan red in 1951 at West Hempstead.



Car 200 was one of first two double deck cars received by the LIRR around 1940 and was an MU trailer. Shown in tuscan paint.



Success of first two double deckers led LIRR to order 50 more cars. Cars effectively increase train capacity on tracks operating near capacity during peak rush hours but do cost more.

An attempt to eliminate engine changes in New Haven's New York-Boston runs led to development of Electro-Motive's type FL-9 having an unusual B-C wheel arrangement and the ability to pick up power from either third rail or its diesel unit.

New Haven FL-9 units, with 2013 at the head end, creeps through Stamford, Conn., with a through express on January 11, 1959, following a wreck which tore down most of the catenary. Operating here under diesel power, FL-9 units run through to Grand Central Terminal the last miles on third rail trackage as electric locos.

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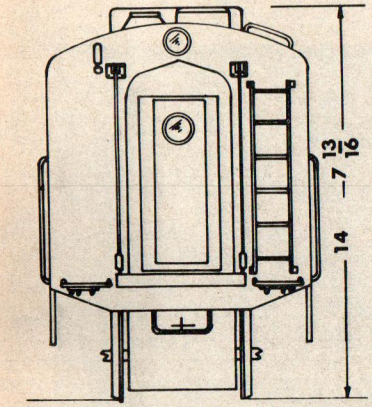
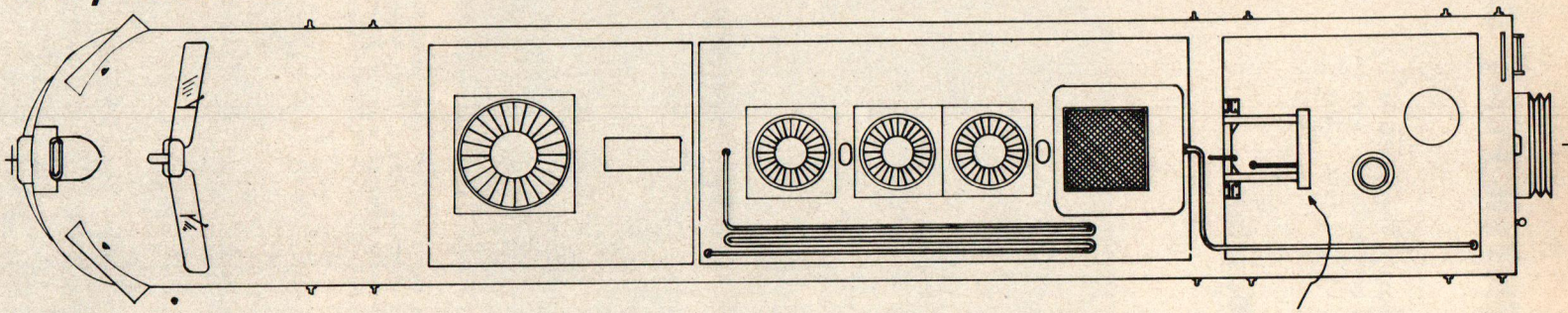
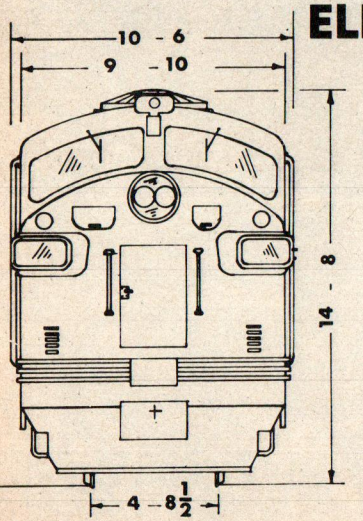
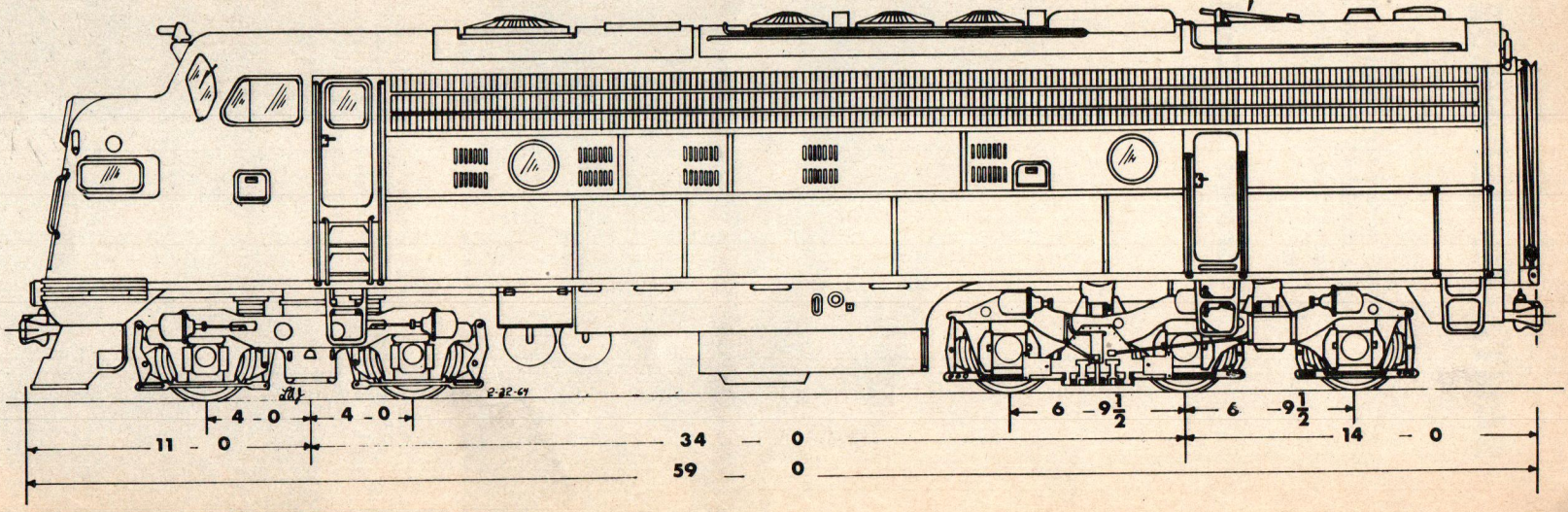
ELECTRO-MOTIVE FL-9 ELECTRIC AND DIESEL LOCO

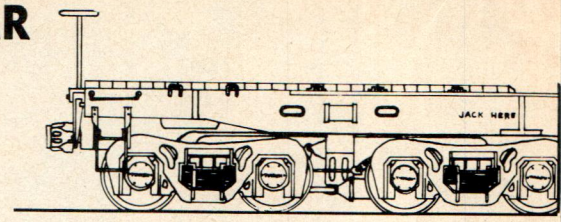








SANTA FE DEPRESSED CENTER FLAT CAR



When extra heavy loads have to be moved, the Santa Fe uses a special 72 ft., 10 inch depressed center flat car with 16 wheels and a staggering capacity of 150 tons. Class Ft-13.

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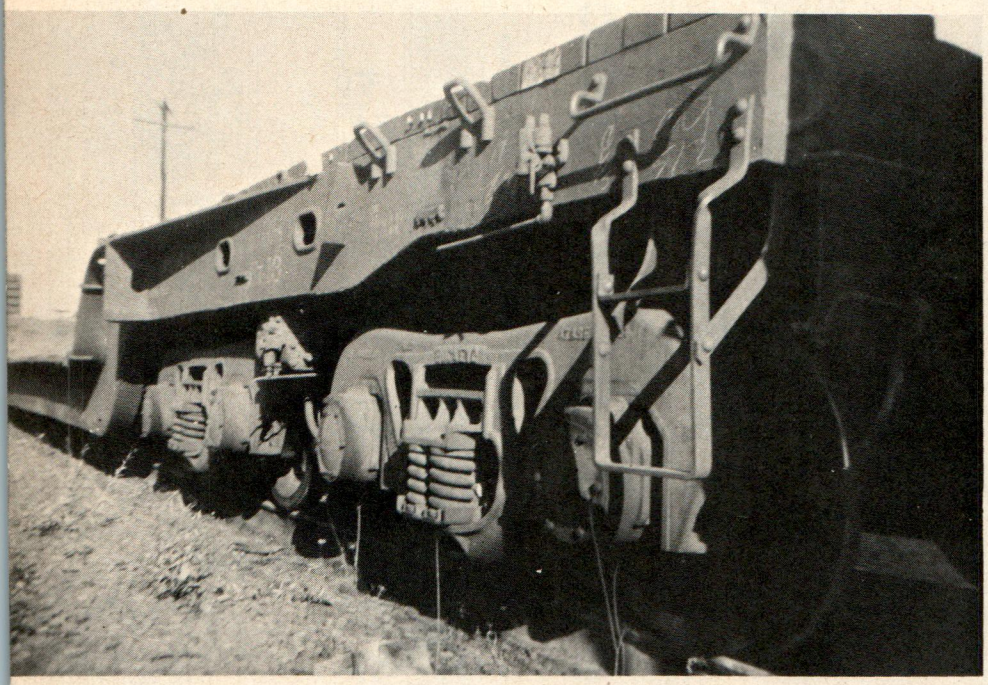
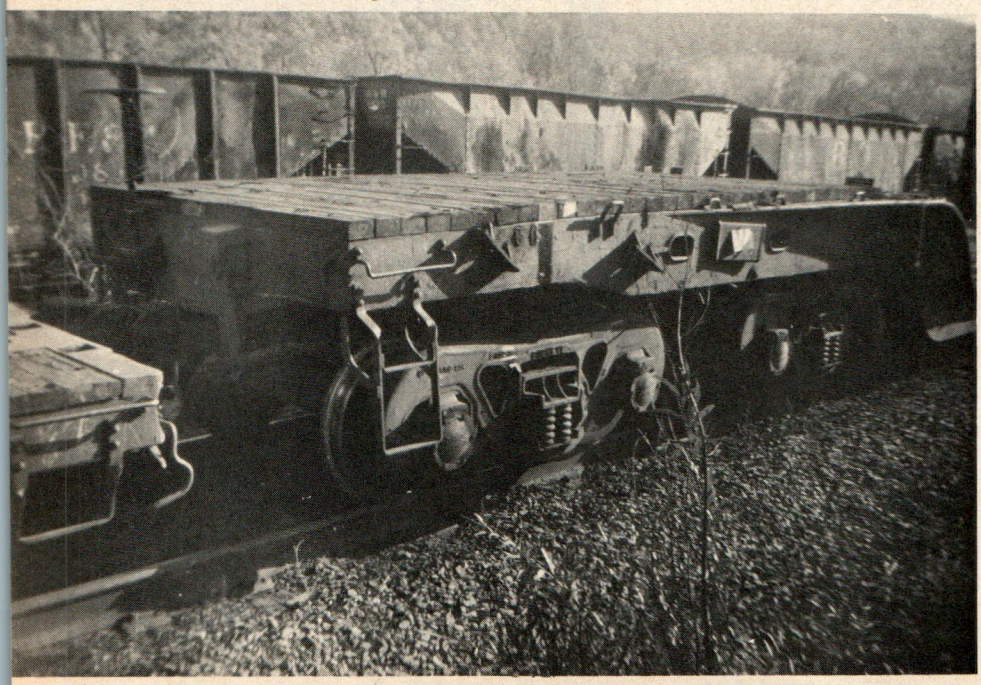


End and side details show in this view. Height of car ends compares strangely with regular flat car at left. Swing brackets on end accomodates brake line when car negotiates curves.

Low angle view shows Timken equipped Buckeye trucks mounted in pairs. Triple valve is mounted between trucks so as not to interfere with operation. Sister car 90015 has friction trucks.



ONE OF the least seen modern American freight cars is by far this huge depressed center flat car. Only the largest Class One railroads have them and then only one or two in most cases. ATSF 90005 was built in October 1958 and is one of two such cars on the Santa Fe. A similar car numbered 90015 differs in various minor dimensions and is equipped with conventional friction bearing trucks.

ATSF 90005 measures a whopping 72' 10" overall. The loading platform is also unusually large being 30' 0" long at 2' 6" above the rail. This monster has the startlingly capacity of 150 tons. Truck centerlines are 53' 0" between the eight wheel assemblies and 10' 0" between each four wheel truck at each end. The load may equal the load limit figure of 315,000 lbs. provided it is supported on two crossbearers each side of center line (longitudinally) and not less than 10' 0" on each side of center line (laterally).

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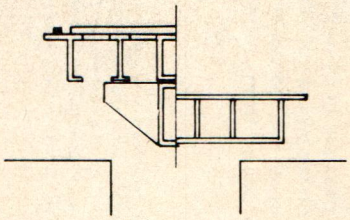
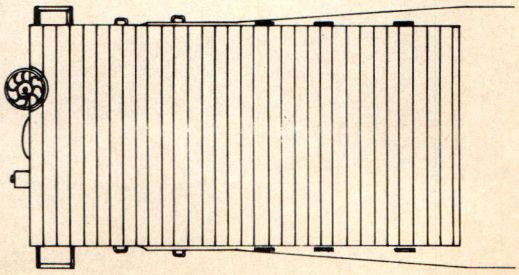
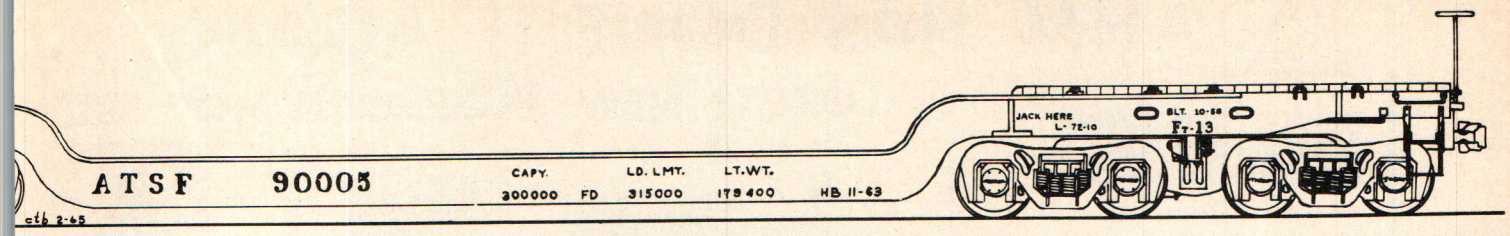
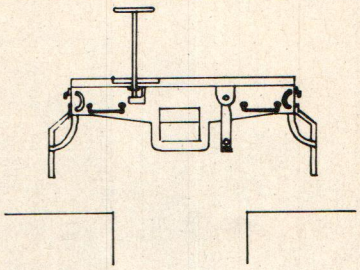
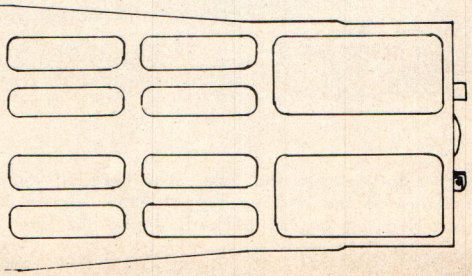






Three quarter length view of the ATSF car portrays its huge dimensions of 72'10". The car has a capacity of 150 tons. Paint is tuscan.





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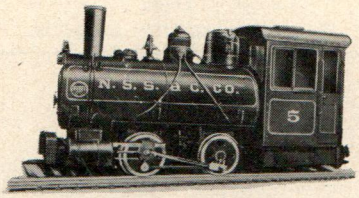

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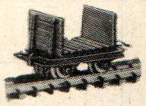

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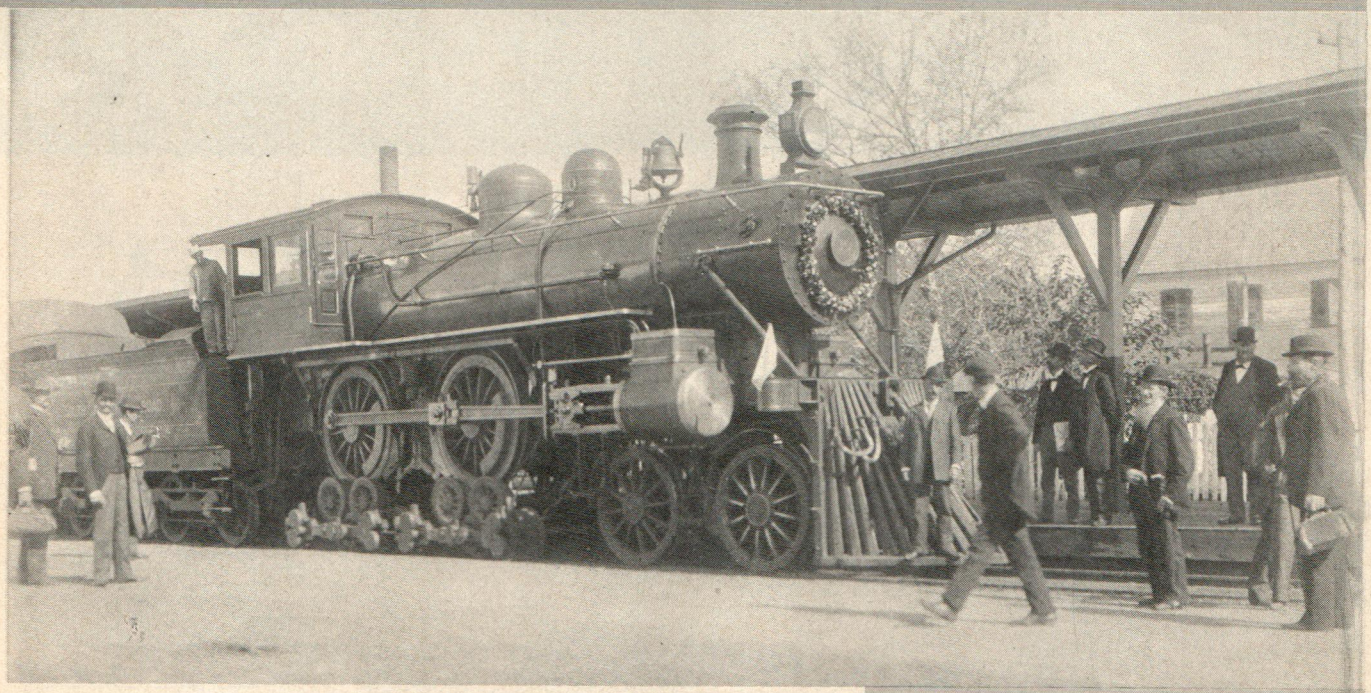

Left side view of the trim, slim barreled American type engine mounted on the Holman gadget. Many equally odd inventions were also tried out on the railroads during the late 19th century.

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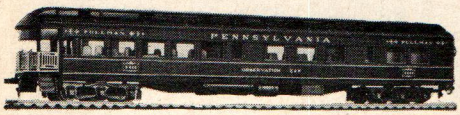

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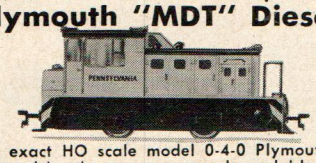

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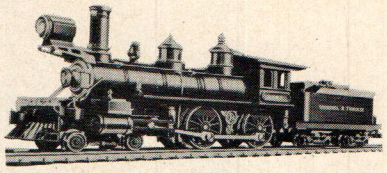

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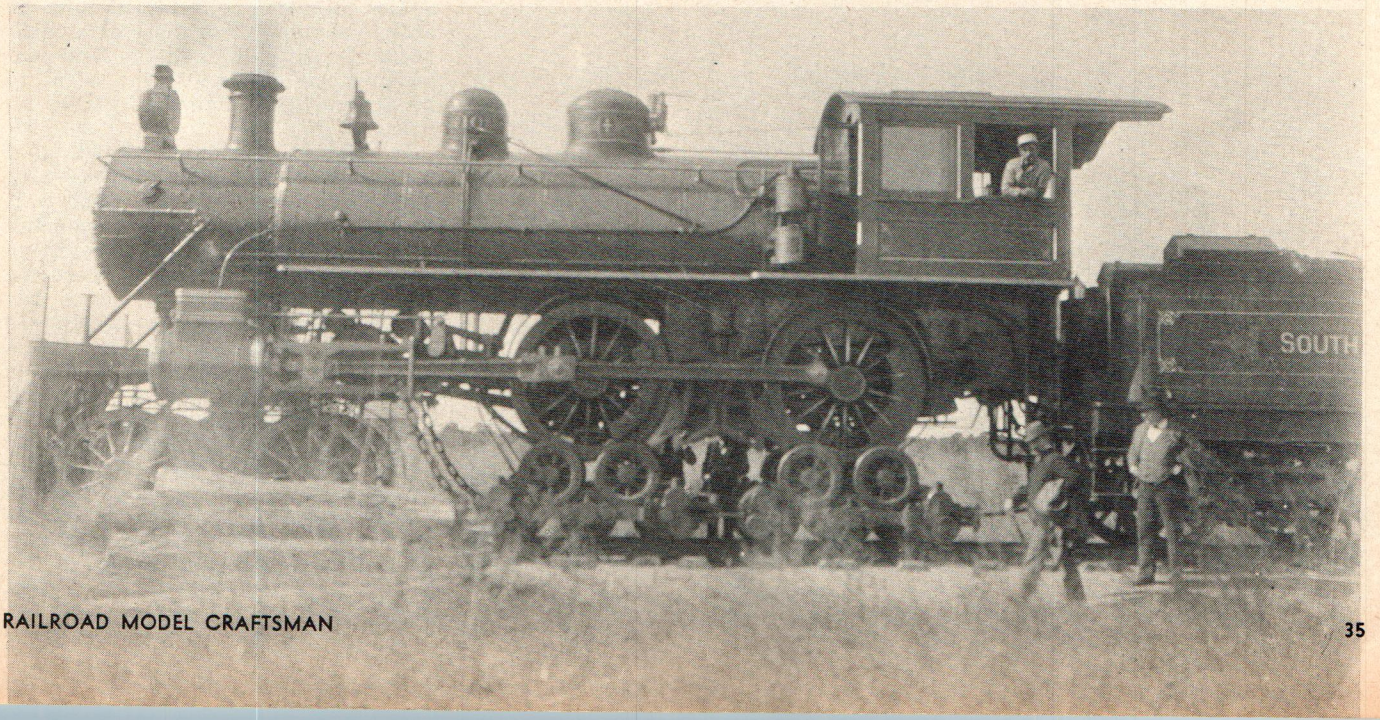
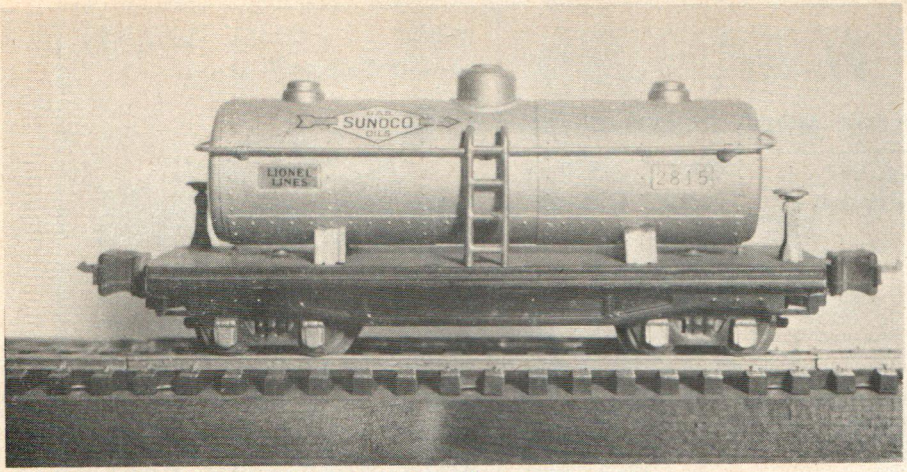
Back in the 1870's and 1880's when the railroads were having their great spurt as builder of the nation, many inventors tried their hands at making railroad travel even better. Many of these inventors were dedicated men who did much to advance railroading, men like Westinghouse and Forney, Sprague and Wagner and Pullman. There were also crazy schemes which sounded plausible but like as not were merely means of raising money through issuance of stock.

One idea common to the period was the concept that a giant wheel could make smaller wheels run faster. An inventor named Holman was one of several who felt sure this idea would work. After tests on the Soo Line, he arranged with Baldwin to convert a new 4-4-0 being built for the South Jersey Railroad to his system. The photos show the engine and three cars during the day of the big test. This is one prototype idea we don't recommend for modeling!

Right side view of South Jersey 4-4-0 No. 10, newly arrived from Baldwin and ready for a running test of Holman's many wheeled invention.

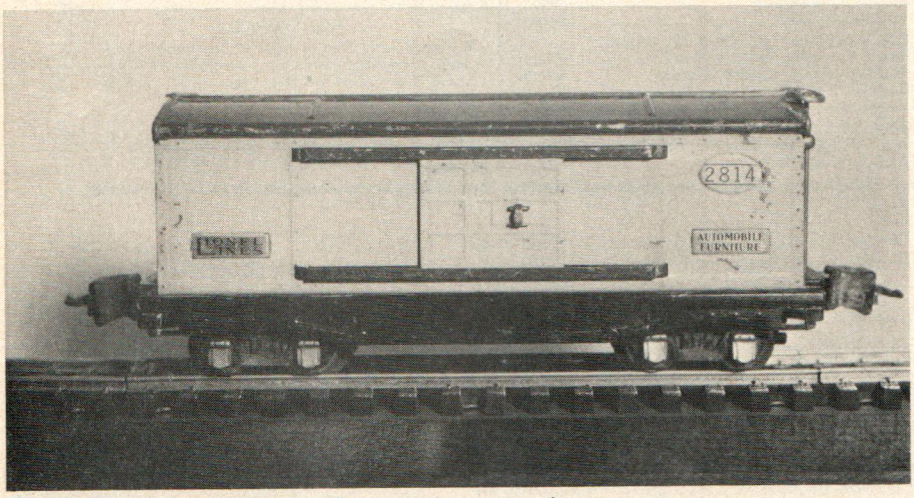




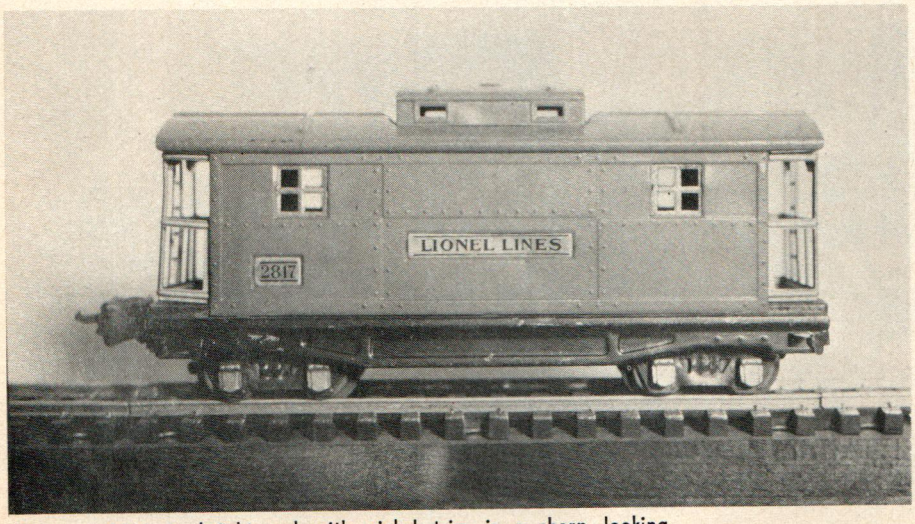
Tank Car 2815 is found in both the aluminum Sunoco color and in orange with Shell decals and special lettering but no plates.

LIONEL SERIES 650-2650-2810 FREIGHT CARS

Lionel's 803 series led to the later 650 8-wheel cars which in turn were joined by the automatic coupler 2650 series and the larger 2800 series, companions to the 810 series.



Sliding doors on the 2814 Box Car were large enough to permit loading. Colors included cream and maroon, tuscan with RS letters.



Caboose 2817 in bright red with nickel trim is a sharp looking car but many collectors prefer later red car with brown roof.

IN 1935, LIONEL'S 803 series 4-wheeled O gauge freight cars were unceremoniously replaced with a new 650 series of small sized double truck or 8-wheeled cars. These were the No. 651 Flat Car, 652 Gondola, 653 Coal Car, 654 Oil Car, 655 Box Car, 657 Caboose, and 659 Dump Car. Measuring 6¾" in length, the cars utilized the same bodies as the earlier 803 series freight cars and duplicated the earlier line exactly as to car types. This new series would continue in the Lionel lineup until 1942.

About 1937, a new box coupler was introduced initially on the more expensive O gauge lines with the standard latch coupler continuing on the lower priced O gauge sets and on the entire remaining Standard Gauge line. The new box coupler provided near perfect automatic coupling and was easier to operate than the earlier latch coupler, with which it mated.

With introduction of the automatic box coupler in 1938, two new series of Lionel freight cars were added to the line. These were designated as the 2600 and 2800 series, deluxe versions of the latch or box coupler equipped 650 and 810 series cars. All four series of cars continued in the line until the 1942 catalog, when war halted all train production.

There were a number of minor variations between early and late versions of the cars in the various series. Copper trim of the early cars gave way to nickel trim during the late 1930's, followed by the use of more realistic railroad colors and black journals during the early 1940's, possibly because of chrome and brass shortages. We've attempted to illustrate this article with examples of different paint and lettering schemes. It should be noted that while most of the colors found on 2650 and 2810 series cars are duplicated in the 650 and 810 series, this is not wholly true. Some of the colors and lettering used on 2650 and 2810 series cars were never used on the two lower series cars.

The diligent collector should be able to acquire all of these cars without difficulty, although the heat-leaf lettered cars of the war years tend to be scarce and somewhat higher in price.

It should also be noted that throughout the entire 803-650-810-2650-2810 series, the collector will find a wide variety of color schemes, and variations in the style of lettering on brass and nickel plates. There are even variations to be seen in the truck styles between the early 810 and later 2810 series cars. Most collectors consider color variations as important. The number of variations in truck and coupler styles, chrome and brass trim, and plate lettering styles is so great that the average collector will content himself with one sample of each car in the different colors. Unless, of course, one is specializing in this entire series. The number of variations is just too great to collect them all.

Pump House At SMUTEYE

by Bill Baron

The pump house at Smuteye is a great warm weather project that'll squeeze into any small space in or around your terminal area.

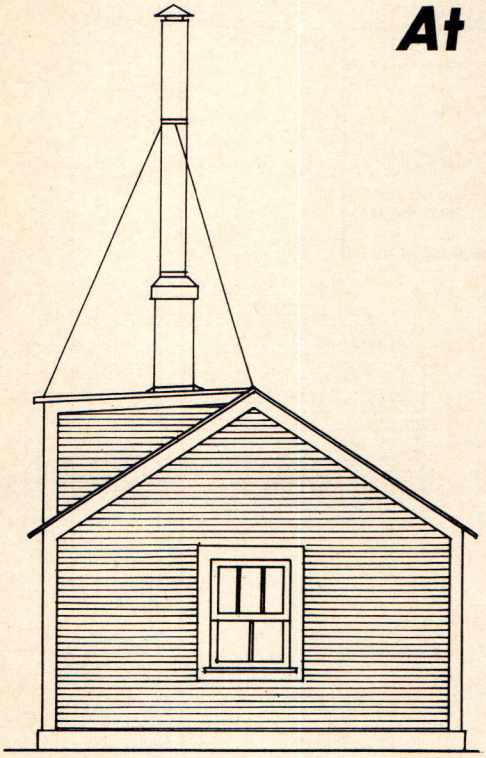
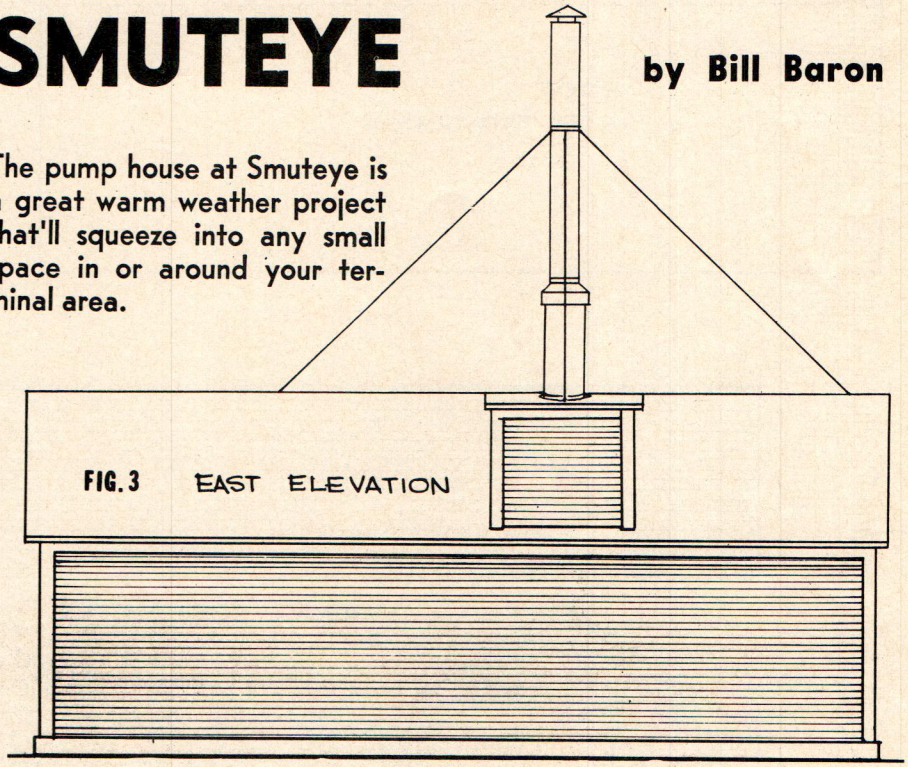


FIG. 1 NORTH ELEVATION

With roof sagging, the pump house at Smuteye gives evidence of a long hard life. Pump house could be used to service water tower or to provide steam for an engine or passenger term.



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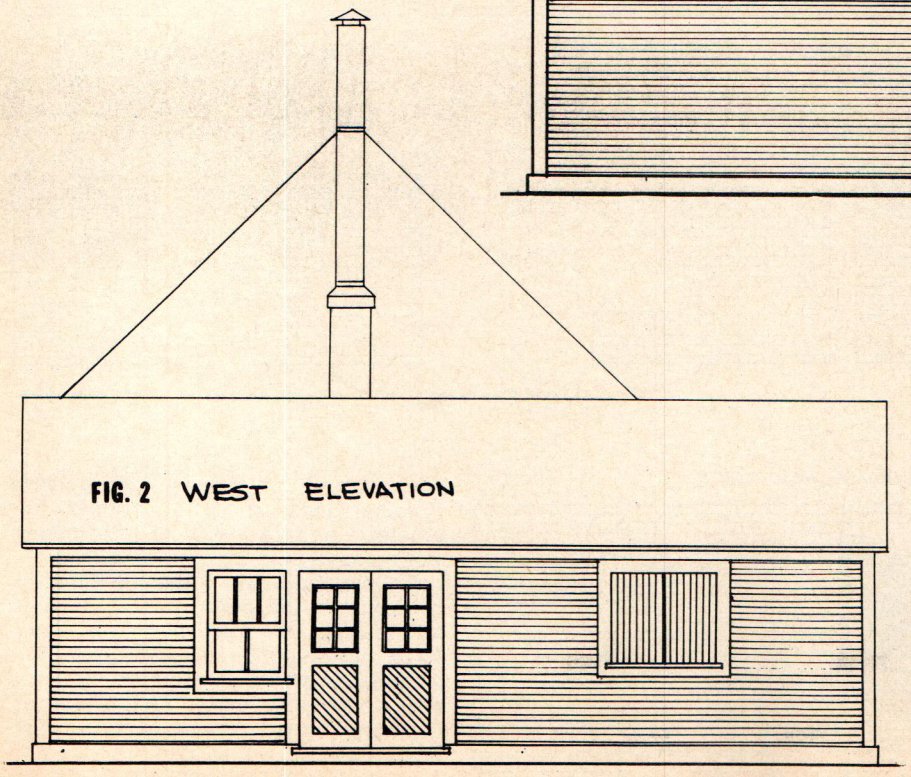
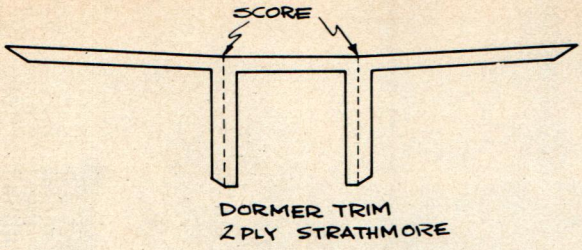


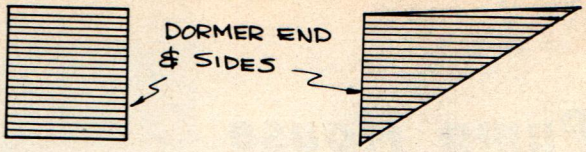
FIG. 2 WEST ELEVATION

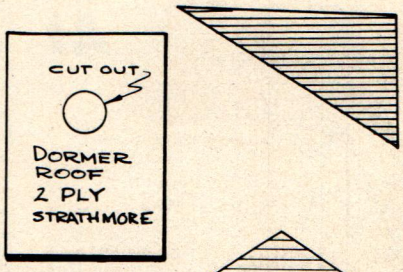
MANY PIKES have water towers or water columns in profusion but no evidence of how the water gets to them. I solved this problem by building this pump house. It's powered by a coal burning vertical stationary boiler.

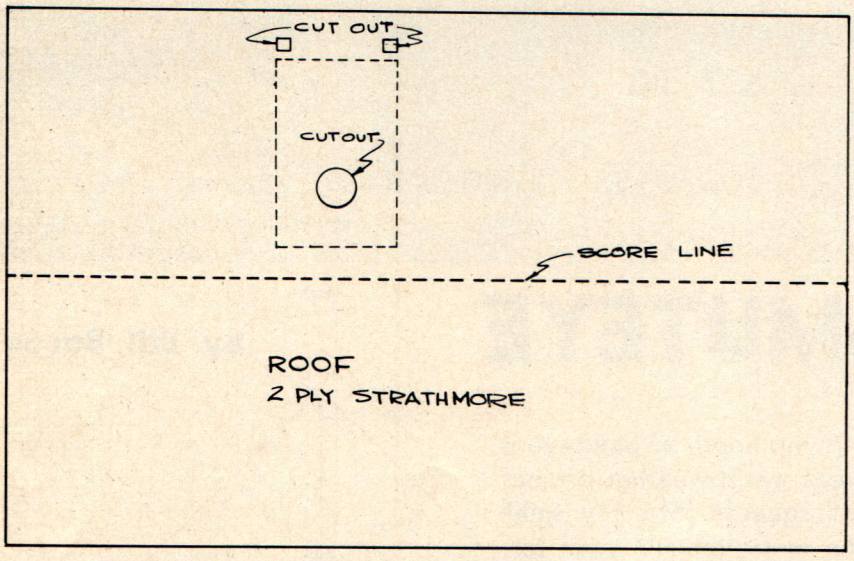
The tall stack on this pump house makes it a rather unique feature that may become overpowering in any yard scene. I tried to play it down by weathering the structure and placing it near an overgrown, weed infested spur in the Smuteye yard.

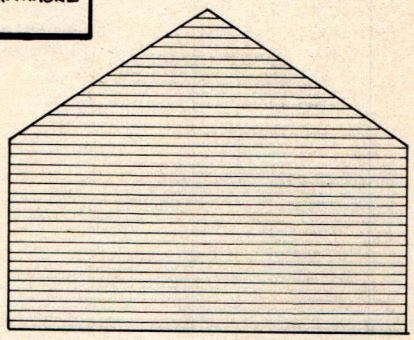
The structure is after a prototype I found in a book called "Railrad Structures and Estimates." I built it using odds and ends found in the scrap box: 1 ply and 2 ply Strathmore, 4" scribed siding, Acetate, 9"

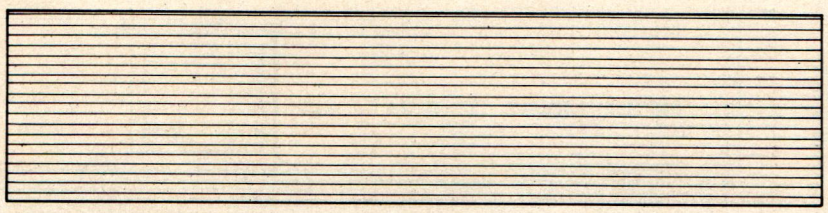


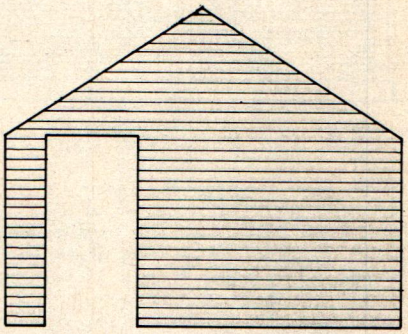


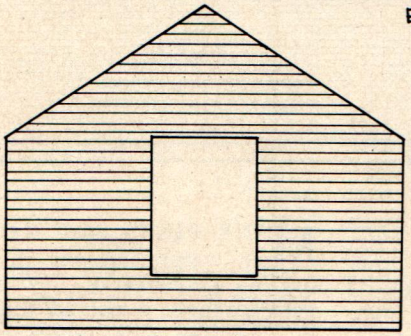


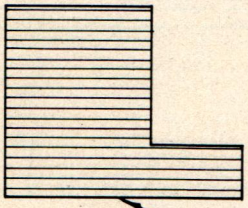












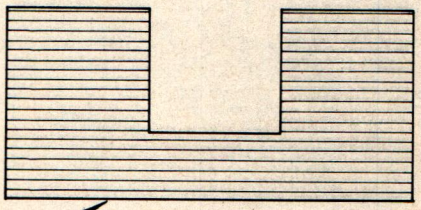
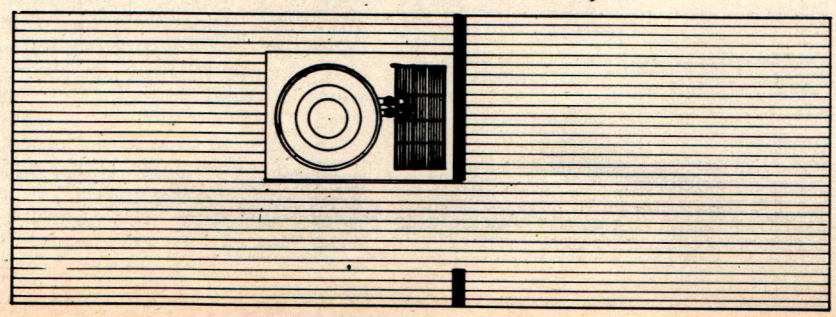
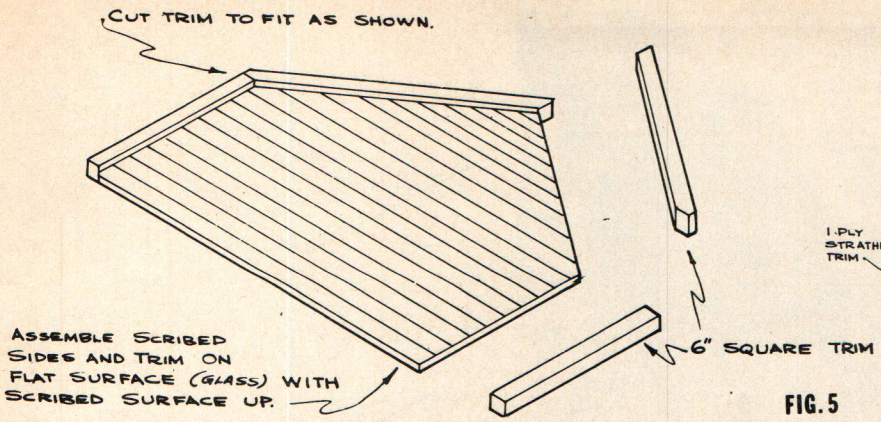


FIG. 4 FLOOR *(SHOWING BOILER PLACEMENT)*



square and 6" square Stripwood, Wooden Dowels of the proper diameter, and a vertical stationary boiler model.

Following is the order in which I constructed the pump house. Read it and study the drawings. You may have pet methods of your own for assembling structures that would surpass those used here. The intent of the steps stated is simply as a general guide as to how I did it.



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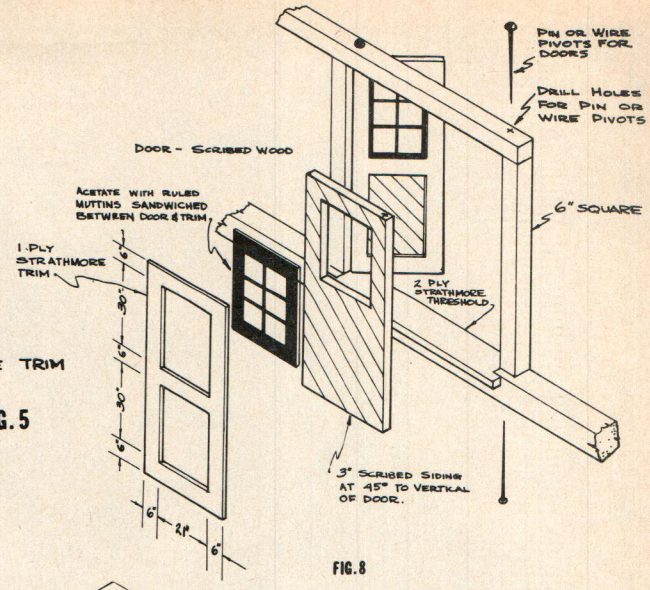

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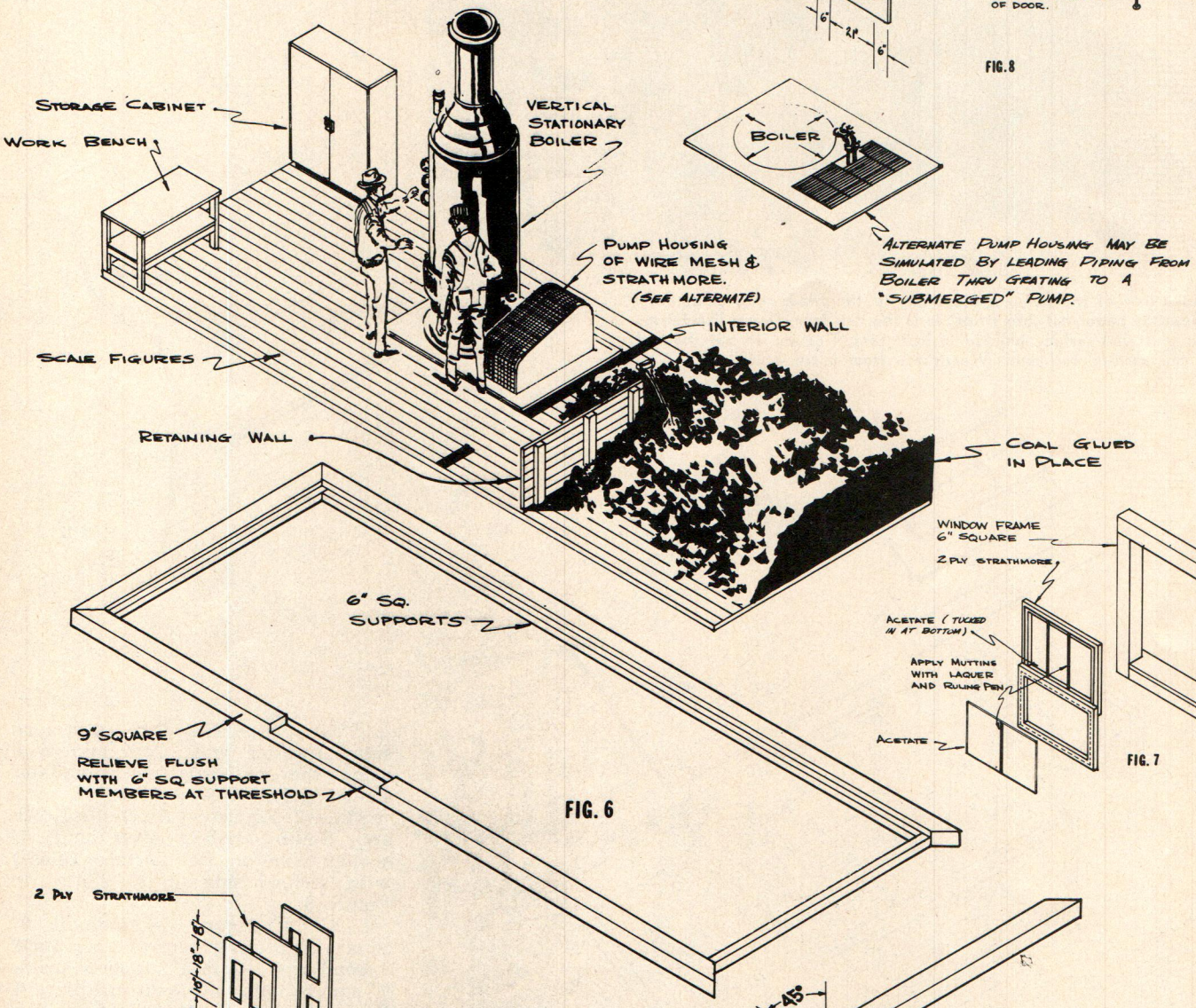

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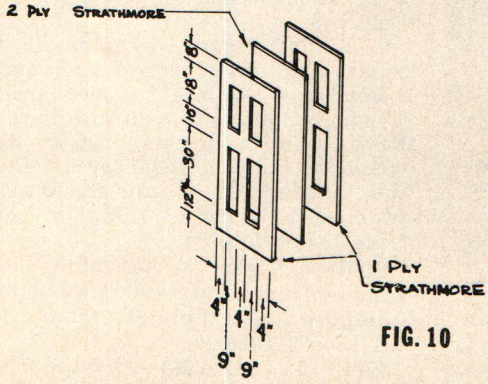

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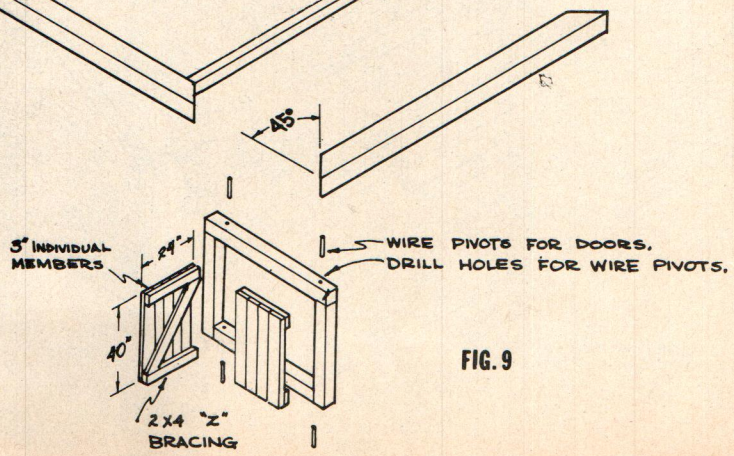

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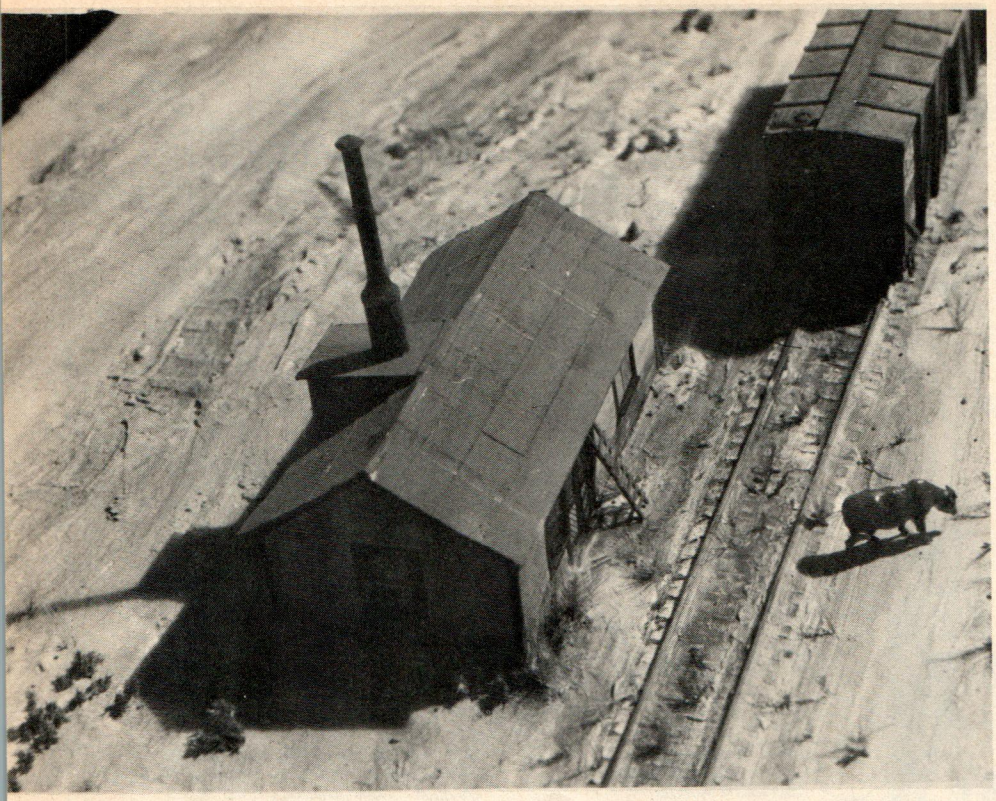
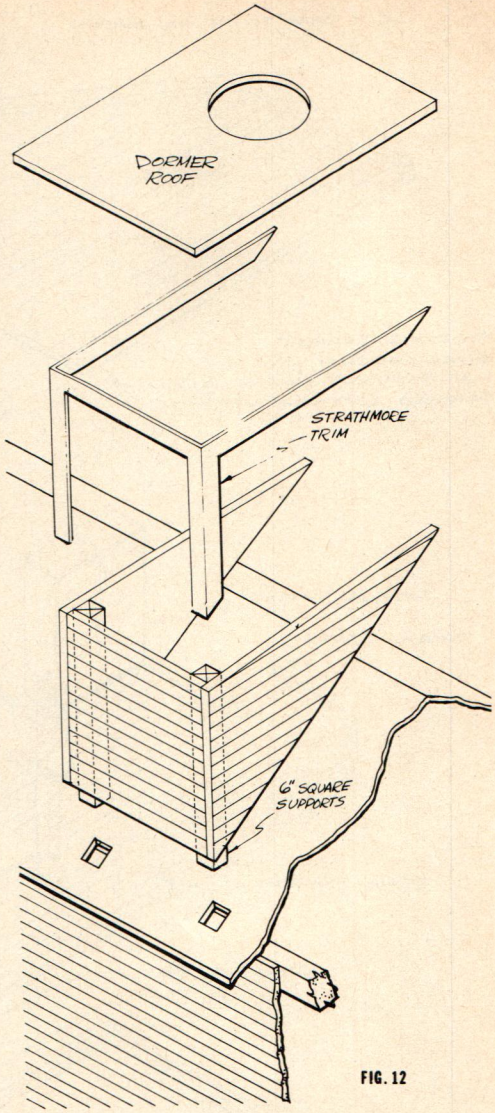


Aerial view of the pump house shows its tar paper roof, made from typewriter paper cut into strips, as is the cap trim. Desert-like terrain is a plastered surface painted in light tans. Ties are all but covered by the hard-packed mud. Weeds are from brush bristles.



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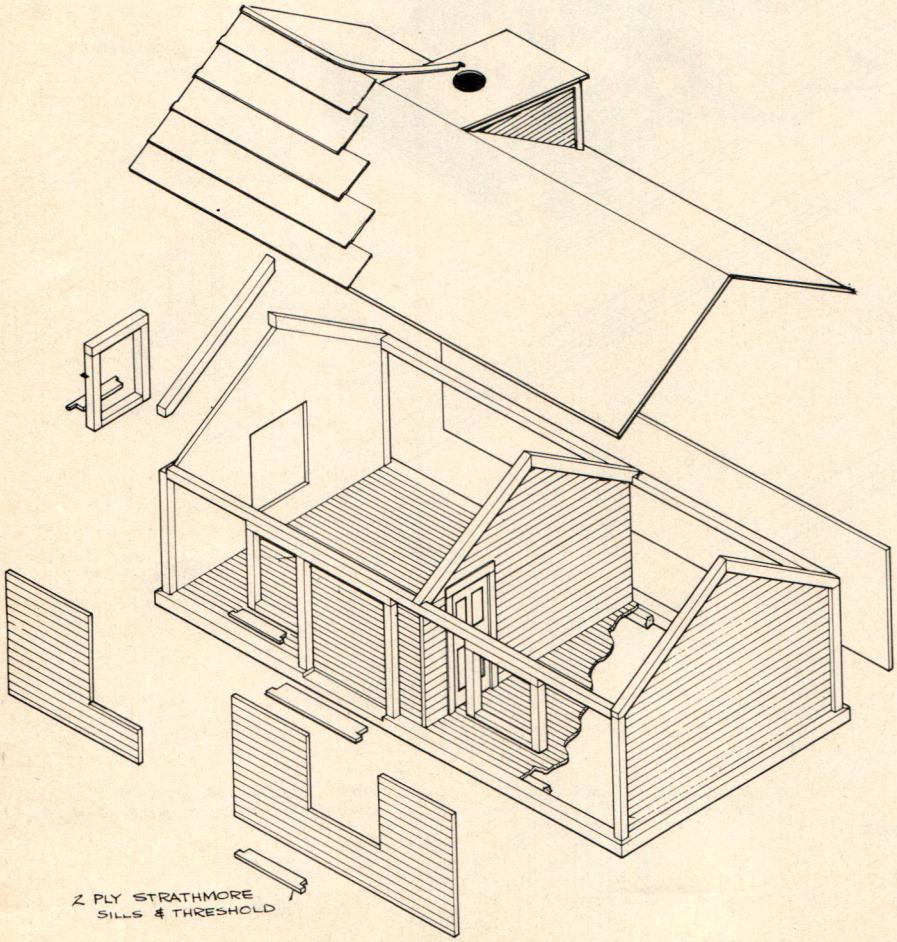


FIG. 11

STEP 1: Figure 4—Cut out scribed sides, interior wall, roof and trim using the materials and templates shown in Figure 4.

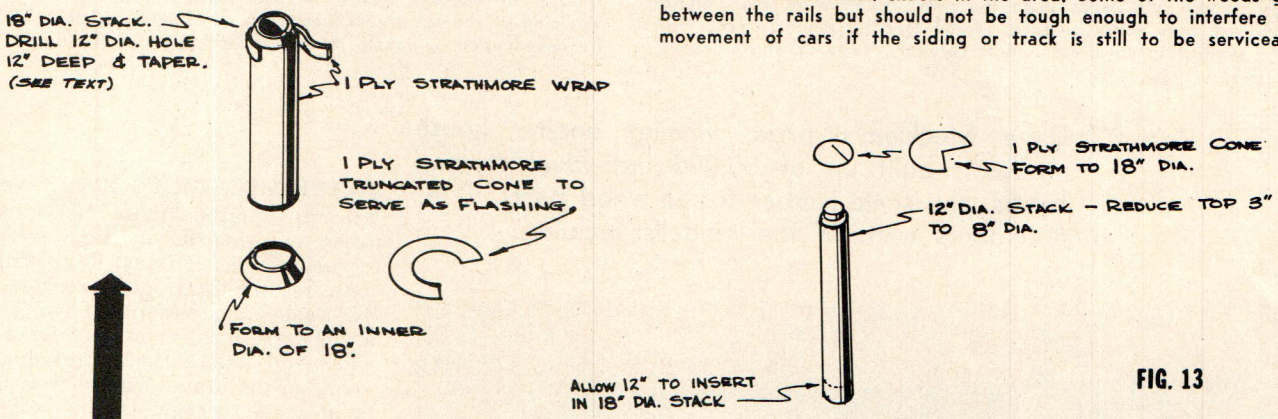
STEP 2: Figure 5—Assemble North and South scribed sides and 6" square trim on flat surface (glass) with scribed side up as shown in Figure 5.

STEP 3: Figure 6—Assemble 9" square trim using floor as a template. Assemble 6" square supports inside 9" square trim as shown in Figure 6. Fasten floor inside this "frame." This would be the best stage for detailing the interior. Use 2 ply Strathmore fastened to floor to stimulate concrete boiler footing.

STEP 4: Figure 7—Assemble North window frame and window as shown in Figure 7. Use 2 ply Strathmore for sill (See Figure 11).

STEP 5: Figure 8—Assemble West window and doors as shown in Figure 8. Use 6" square for framing. Use 2 ply Strathmore for sill and thres-

Late afternoon sun shows the weeds surrounding the pump house, as well as the other small shacks in the area. Some of the weeds grow between the rails but should not be tough enough to interfere with movement of cars if the siding or track is still to be serviceable.



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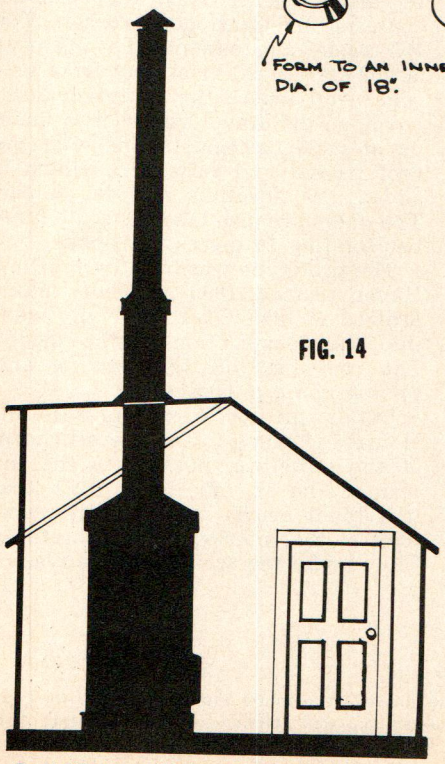


FIG. 14

hold. (See Figure 11).

STEP 6: Figure 9—Assemble coal chute doors as shown in Figure 9. Use 6" square for framing and 2 ply Strathmore for sill. (Shown in Figure 11).

STEP 7: Figure 10—Assemble interior door as shown in Figure 10. Use pin heads for door knobs. Use 6" square trim for door framing in interior wall. Insert door with pin hinge method shown in Figure 9.

STEP 8: Figure 11—Assemble all parts made up to this time (except roof) in the manner shown in Figure 11. Place and trim interior wall as shown.

STEP 9: Figure 12—Assemble roof and dormer as shown in Figure 11 and 12. Attach roof assembly to building. Use typewriter bond paper to stimulate tar paper and cap trim.

STEP 10: Figure 13 and 14—Assemble stack as shown in Figure 13. Refer to Figure 14. It shows a section through the interior. Insert stack into dormer and apply flashing.

STEP 11: Paint pump house in two tone color scheme. (Dark brown trim, light brown sides). Paint roof and stack dark gray.

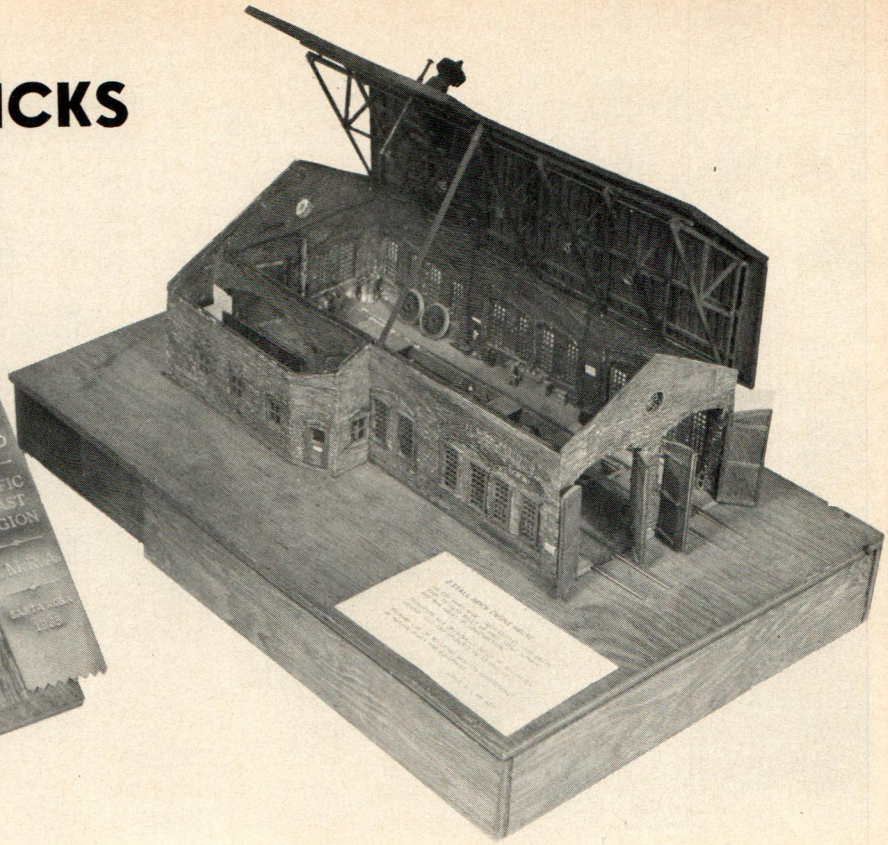
STEP 12: Place pump house on your pike sufficient distance from water tower and 9 scale feet from the nearest rail.

While the many parts shown may seem overly complicated for so small a structure, construction is not at all difficult. The builder will find that construction of a pump house such as described here, a relatively easy project, makes future projects using the same basic construction techniques, just as easy—and fun.

INDIVIDUAL BRICKS

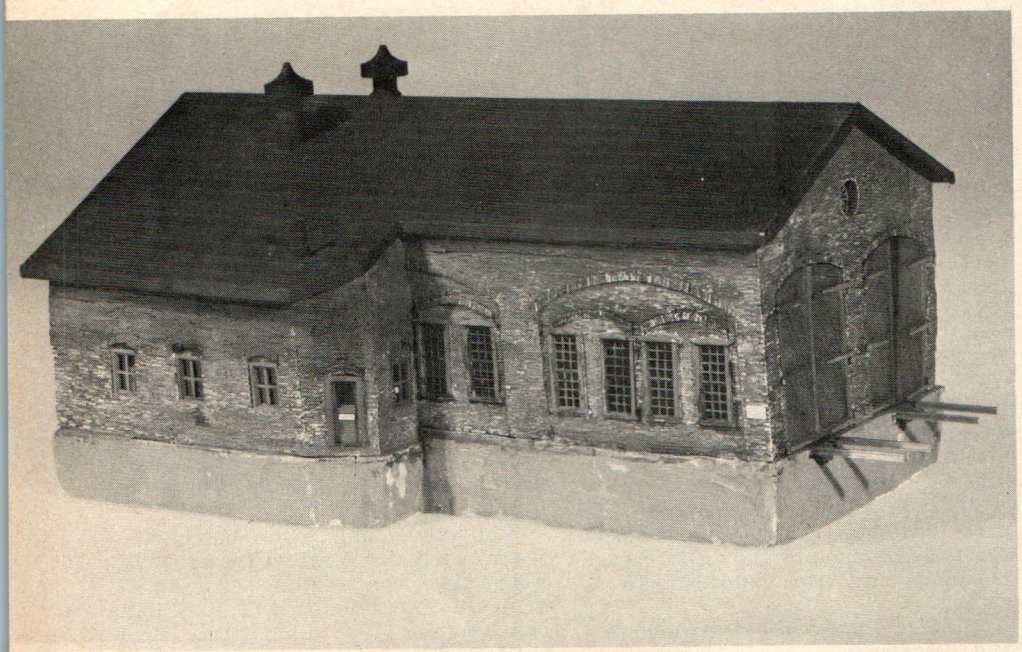
by David R. Mecklem

Dave displays the model with the roof lifted up so that interior detail can more easily be seen. Model took 1st place in 1965 PCR model contest in novice structures category, copping above trophy.



Interior of engine terminal includes basic items needed in daily servicing of the few steam locomotives a structure of this size would be called upon to handle. Brick interior is part of the detail.

Dave Mecklem's prize winning engine house model is built up of 50,000 individual styrene bricks, plus scale lumber for all wood parts. Over 800 hours went in the model's building.



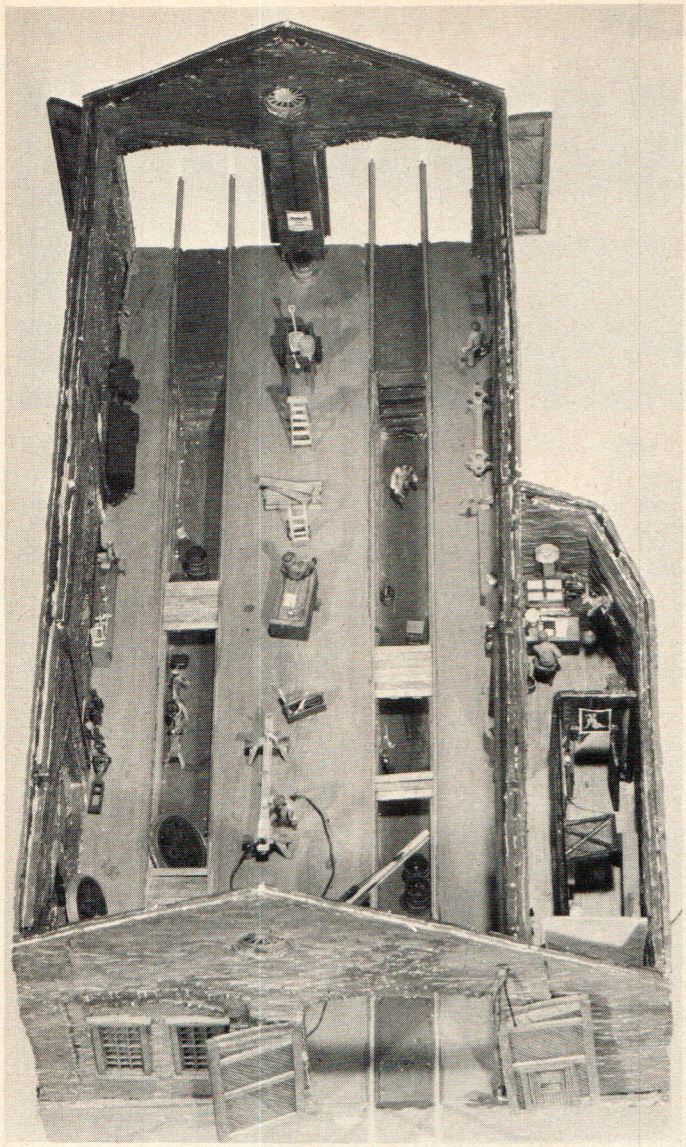
Prototype of model is a structure built by the New York, New Haven & Hartford around 1890 and modernized about 1940. 50,000 individual styrene bricks were used in construction for unique effect.

DAVE MECKLEM'S New Haven 2-stall engine house has already taken two awards on the west coast in various Pacific Coast Region model contests, and with good reason. The HO model was assembled using over 50,000 scale sized bricks cut from styrene. And where the prototype used wood, so did Dave. The roof is made up of scale lumber starting with the roof trusses and rafters, to which is added the sheeting and tar paper. The doors are also made of scale lumber totaling 16 pieces per door.

The prototype was built by the New Haven around 1890, and was modernized in 1940. Over 800 hours went into the construction of the model. The roof lifts off for viewing and photographic purposes.

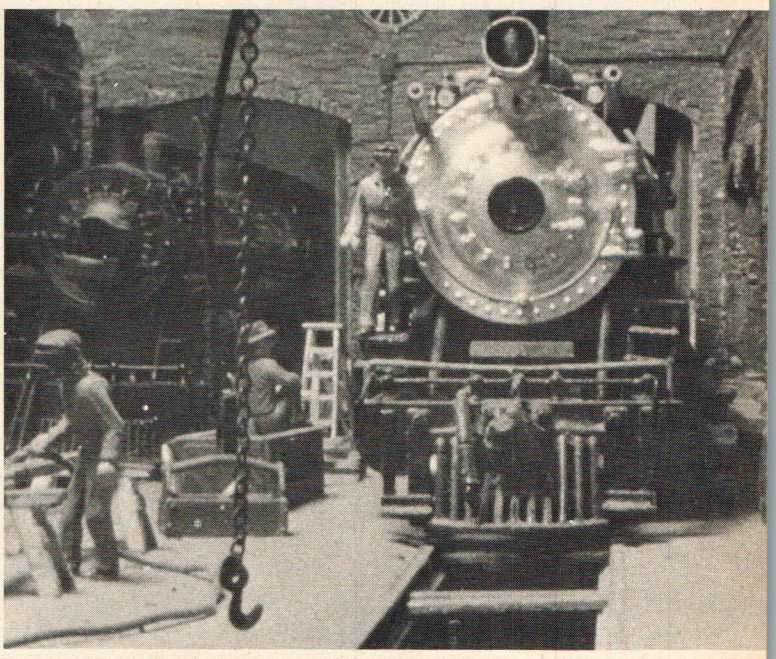
Detail parts by Weston and Rollins House add much to the overall charm of the structure, notably to the interior. And if you don't think that individual bricks make a difference, look at the interior photos carefully. They make the scenes come alive.

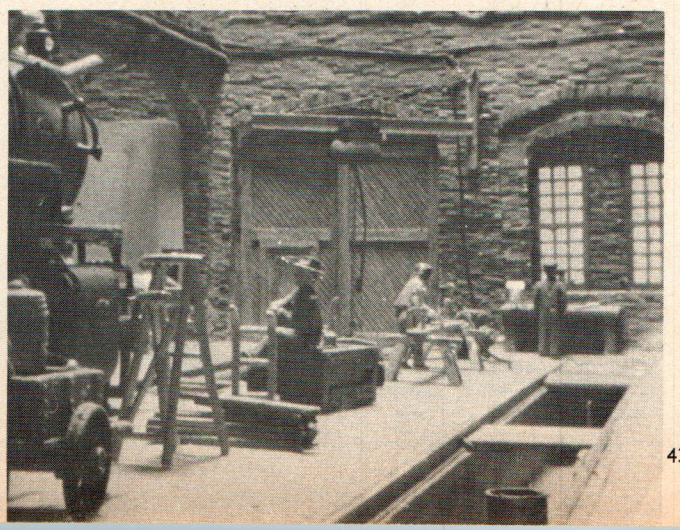
The el of the building houses a complete shop office with desk, pot bellied stove, moosehead on wall, clock, and other detail. Parts come from Weston, Rollins House Miniatures, other suppliers.



Specially built 35mm. camera with f:100 lens opening provides extreme depth of field at distances down to as close as two inches. Engine houses often came with dirt floor; were dark and dank.

Interior views, below, reveal loads of interesting engine house activity, with the brick work in the walls providing unusual relief. Track pits are common to locomotive, car, and trolley shops.





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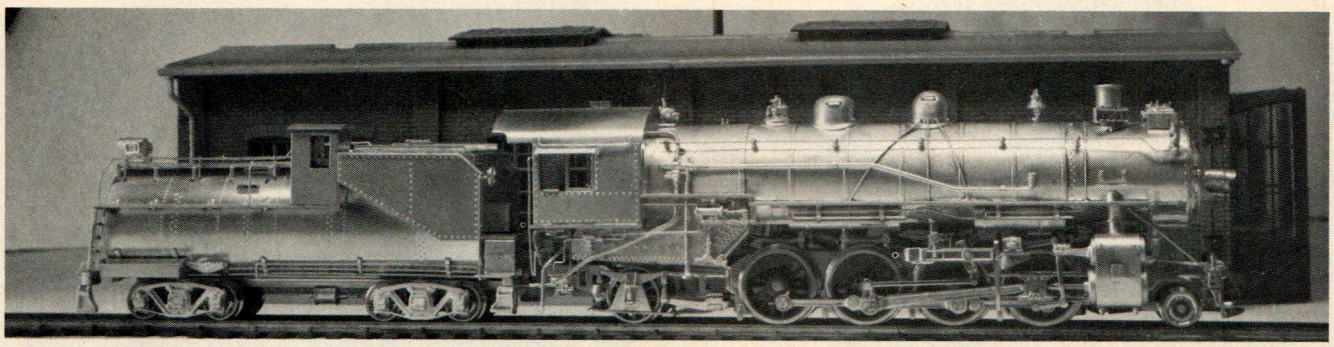

SP-T&NO CLASS MK-5 **HO** **BALBOA**

Prototype is Texas & New Orleans series 738-794, and Southern Pacific series 3241-3249, 3270-3277, built by SP, Baldwin, Brooks, and Lima, 1913-1921. All brass construction. KTM permag motor with worm and gear drive, floating gear box. Length 11½". Minimum radius 21". All drivers flanged and sprung. Wireless drawbar. Manufactured in Japan for Balboa Scale Models, 1135 Garbet Ave., Room K, San Diego, Calif. 92109. List price, June 1, 1965, $52.95 unpainted ready to run.

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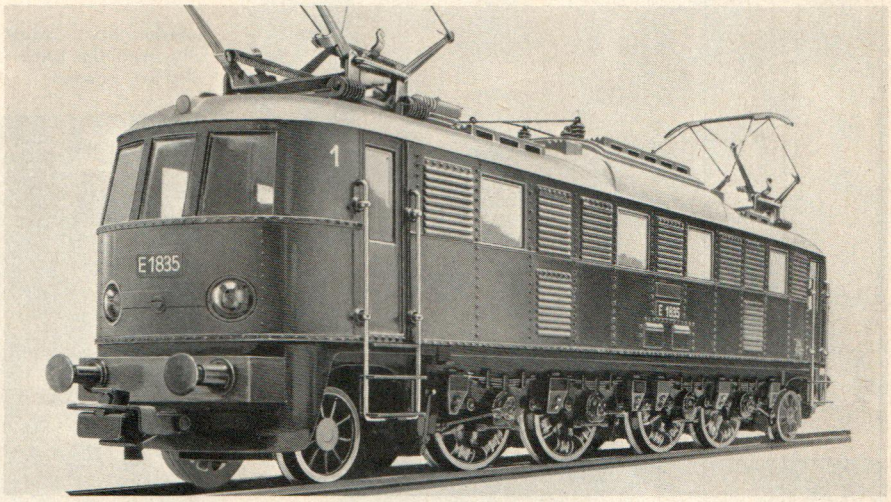
DEUTSCHEN BUNDESBAHN CLASS E18



Prototype: German Federal Railways class E-18 1-Do-1 wheel arrangement. Pressure die cast zinc casting finished in blue. Inset plastic windows. Twin headlamps light in direction of travel. Fixed buffer beams. Maerklin automatic couplers. Length, 17.8 cm. Lever permits optional stud contact or overhead wire operation. Special adhesion tires for increased traction. Mfrs. catalog No. 3023. New 1965. Mfd. by Hamo-Modell-Harzuge GMBH, Nuernberg, Germany, from Maerklin parts.

HO-3 RAIL **MAERKLIN**

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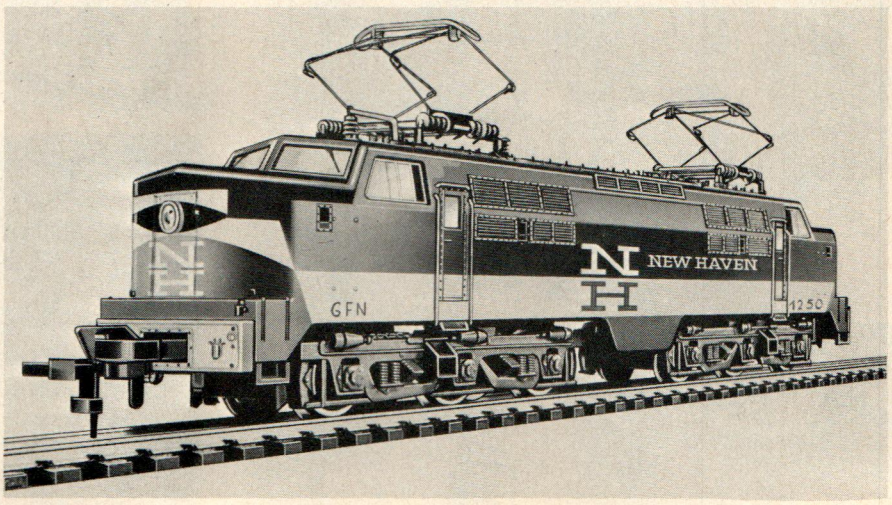
NEW HAVEN 370 SERIES



Patterned after New Haven 370 series C-C rectifier electric locomotives built by General Electric in 1955, Permag motor delivers power through spur gear train to all six wheels of lead truck. Four wheels equipped with rubber tires for increased traction. Operating headlight lights up in direction of travel. Selector switch for optional 2-rail or overhead pantograph operation. Length 8". Weight, 20 oz. Minimum radius, 14½". Equipped with Fleischmann auto-couplers on swing mount. Snap-on NMRA-type coupler available. New 1965. Mfd. in Germany by Fleischmann. Imported to U.S.A. by Charles C. Merzbach Co., Inc., 95 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10003. List price, June 1, 1965, RTR $24.98. Road names: New Haven, orange, black, white.

HO **FLEISCHMANN**

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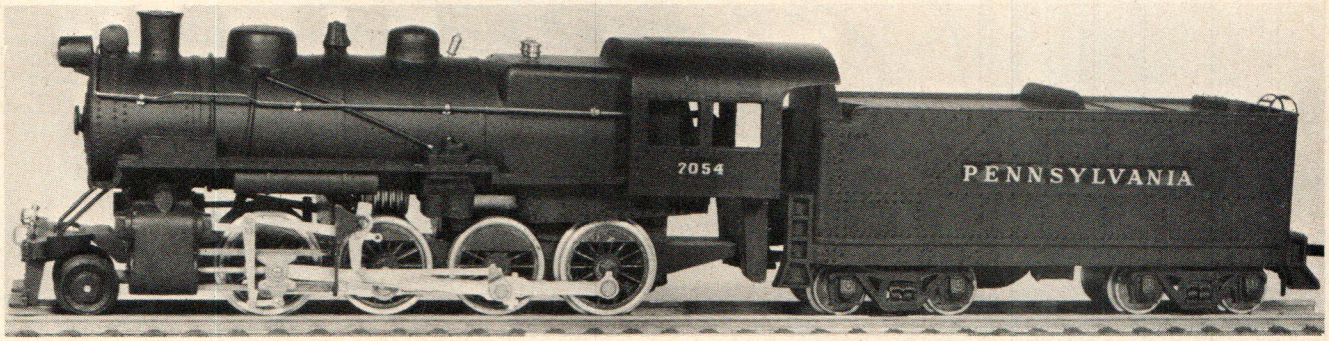


PENNSYLVANIA RR H-9 CONSOLIDATION **HO** **BOWSER**

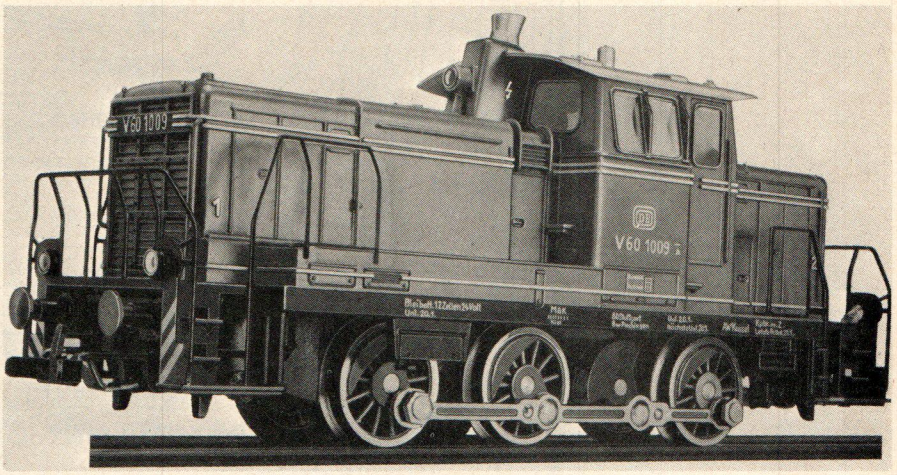
Prototype: Pennsylvania Railroad class H-9 Consolidation. Length with tender, 10¼". Weight, 30 oz. Min. radius, 12". Height, 2-1/16". Die cast boiler, frame, cab. Stamped and cast fittings. 62" spoke drivers. Pittman motor delivers power through worm and gear. Mfd. by Bowser Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 122, Montoursville, Pa. 17754. Complete kit, $32.59. Loco kit only $27.95. Tender kit only, $6.95. Prices correct to June 1, 1965. This locomotive mfd. from late 1940's thru 1963 by Penn Line. Dies purchased 1964 by Bowser. Use Bowser replacement parts for former Penn Line version. See Bowser catalog for parts availability.

LOCO BUILDERS PHOTO—221 YARD SWITCHER

GERMAN FEDERAL RAILWAYS

SERIES V-60

Prototype: German Federal Railways class V60, type O-6-O. Spur gear drive to all axles ,with two special adhesion tires on trailing drive axle. Remote control deversing. Three headlights front and rear. Plastic superstructure with plastic inset windows. Zinc die cast frame. Maerklin Telex couplers both ends. 4¾" long over buffers. Catalog No. 3065. Mfd. by Gebr. Maerklin GMBH, Goeppingen, Germany. New 1963. 1963 list price RTR U.S.A. $22.95.



HO 3-RAIL **MAERKLIN**

LOCO BUILDERS PHOTO—222 YARD SWITCHER

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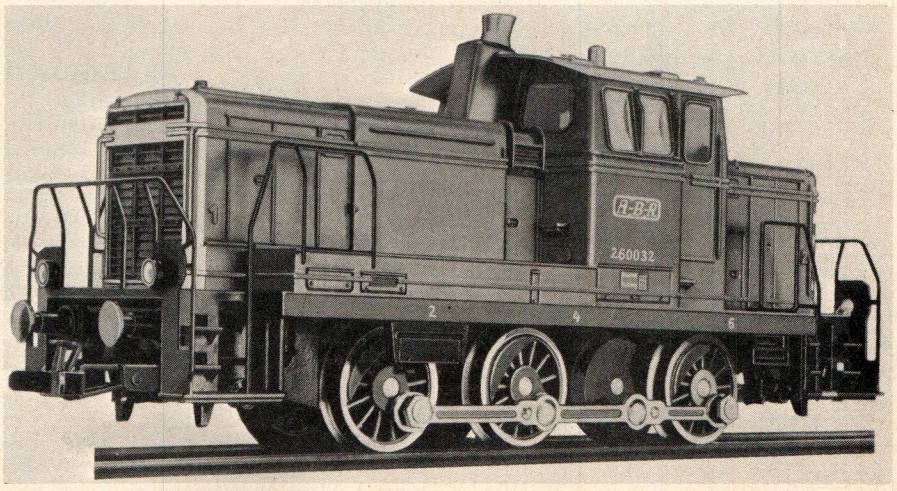
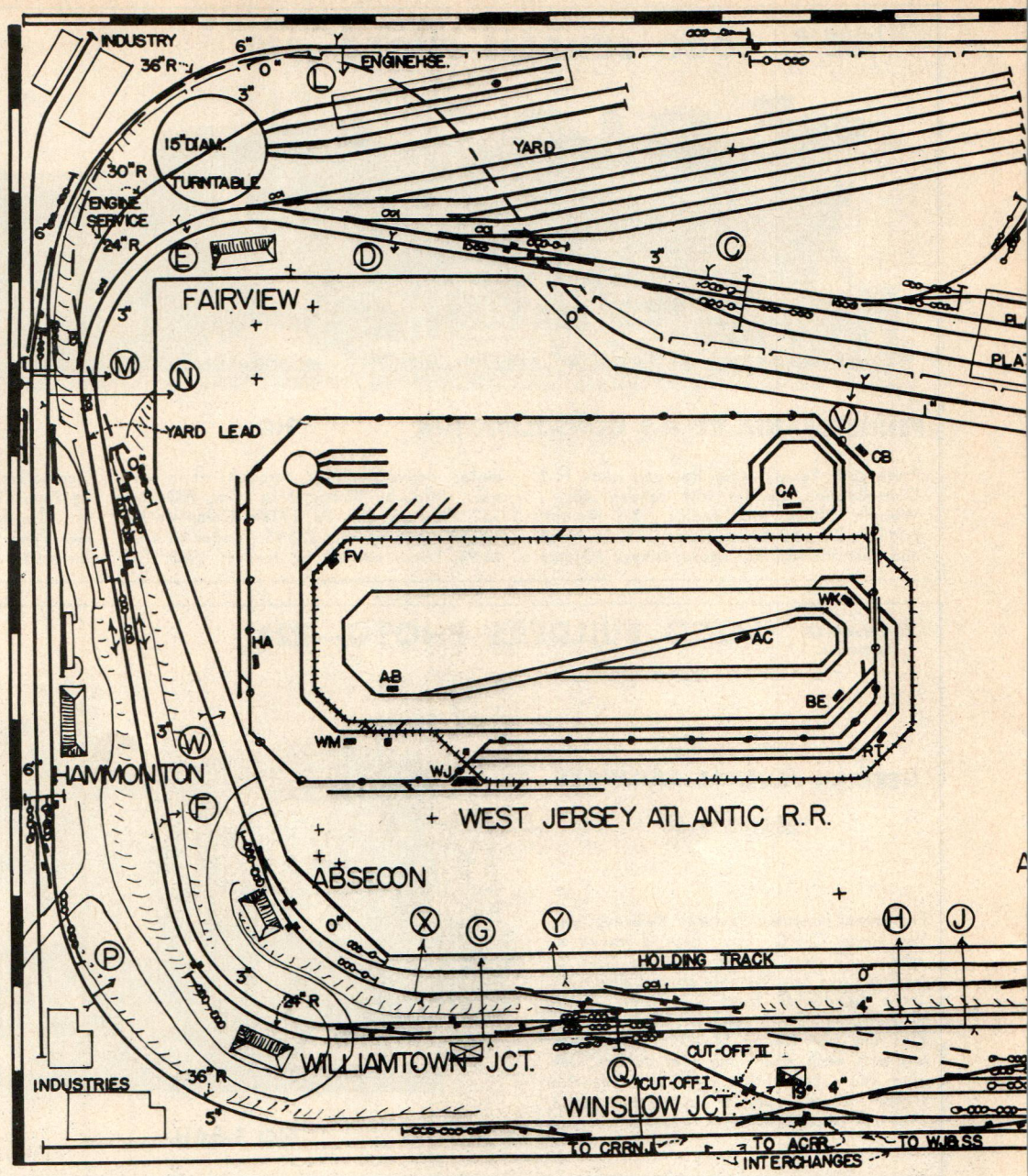
Prototype: Belgian State Railways (SNCB) locomotive No. 260032, type O-6-O. Spur gear drive to all axles and jackshaft with two special adhesion tires. Remote control reversing. Two headlights front and rear. Plastic superstructure with plastic inset windows. Zinc die cast frame. 4¾" long over buffers. Catalog No. 3069. Mfd. by Gebr. Maerklin GMBH, Goeppingen, Germany. New 1963. 1963 price list RTR U.S.A. $19.95.



HO 3-RAIL **MAERKLIN**

West Jersey Atlantic



The 13 x 17 ft. WJA is designed to pack in a very long mostly over single track, with a terrain patterned after the flat lands of southern New Jersey. Maximum grade is 2%.

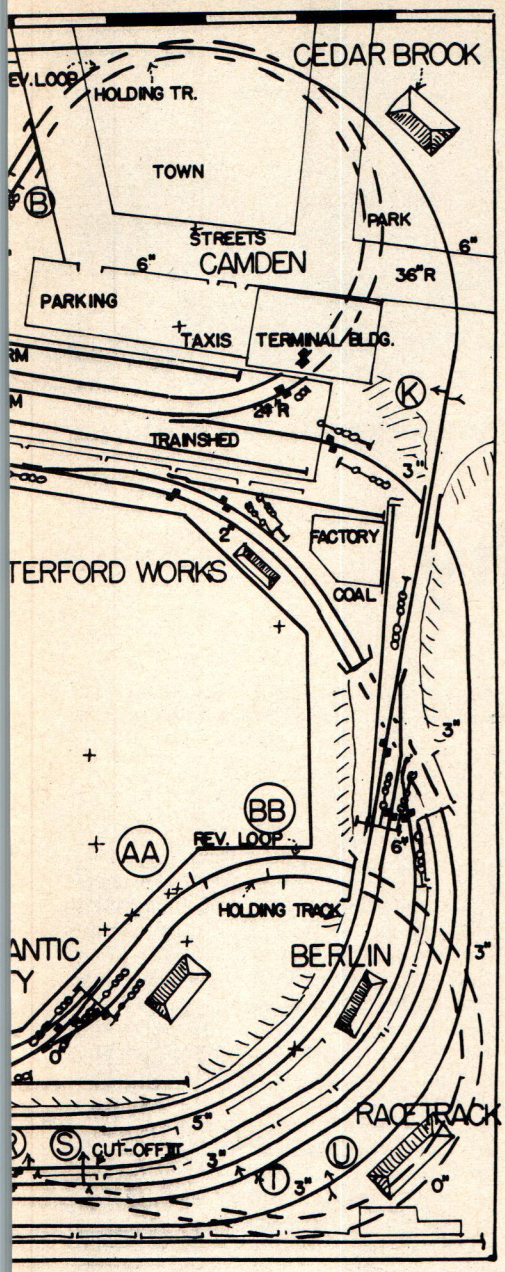
THE West Jersey Atlantic Railroad is designed as a standard railroad built into a room 13x17 ft. in size for HO use. The WJA provides a long single track run, although model railroading be what it is, part of the run has the appearance of double track. The WJA has been designed with 24 and 22 inch minimum radius curves, No. 6 minimum switches, and no grade steeper than 2%, or 1 inch in 48 inches.

I have taken the South and West Jersey terrain, with which I am familiar, along with some liberties in geographical progression which I'll thank you not to call to my attention.

In defense of the Atlantic Ocean, I might say that it needs more attention in model railroad names, what with the attention that the Pacific has received over the years, even down to such diminutive pikes at the Quanah, Acme & Pacific RR. Of course, the Atlantic has been mentioned occasionally, as in the DSS&SA, the ACL, several extinct traction companies, and the Dominion Atlantic in Nova Scotia.

To help right this slight, I've called this pike the West Jersey Atlantic; West Jersey being that part of the Garden State southwest of a diagonal line running from the vicinity of Tuckerton to the shores of the Delaware River about Trenton. From this area derived the former West Jersey & Seashore, now a part of the P-RSL.

The WJA layout starts at what could be a ferry terminal, but is modeled as the terminal for a higher level town (called Cedar Brook on another lap of the railroad). There is a train shed with two platforms and four tracks, with a two level terminal building, the lower serving the tracks, the higher the street. Trains proceed from the terminal toward the left over double track, which as pointed out in one of my single-track Railroading articles, is often part of a single track line as it nears a terminal. Double track makes almost one complete circuit of the room, passing Fairview, Williamstown Jct., to just past Berlin. If the railroad is in operation with, switching in the yard,



etc., this apparent double track would be operated as single, from the cross-over between Camden and Fairview around to the Williamstown Jct. crossovers, with a passing track from there to Berlin. The outer track would then be the yard and engine house lead. If full double track were desired from Camden to Berlin, then a third track, to the left of the double track, would have to be added from Williamstown Jct. to Fairview, but this does not seem necessary to me. Both tracks are signaled for bi-directional running, for times when the yard was not being worked. While not shown, suburban service (electric???!!!) (RDC?) could be operated over the double-track stretch, though this would require a small MU storage yard above Berlin.

Single track runs from Berlin through Cedar Brook, as far as the Hammonton siding. Notice that this has been divided near its center, to permit independent switching in either or both end areas, as well as to let following trains run a little closer. Beyond Hammonton there is Winslow Jct. where there are several interchange tracks — to the West Jersey & Seashore, to the Atlantic City R.R., and to the Jersey Central —and the main line swings inward, dividing into three! The inner line is a cut-off III (to Berlin) for continuous running, while the next two lines counting outward are the main line and passing track which duck down as far as Waterford Works.

From Waterford Works, single track runs to the beginning of double track to Atlantic City terminal, namely Abecon. This stretch is also divided in two at center left, for reasons outlined above. Atlantic City terminus is made rather simple, progression around the reverse loop and/or holding track being normally counter-clockwise. A crossover right by the depot creates what is really a lap siding and also lets two separate trains be held at this end of the railroad. Naturally Atlantic City could be expanded, especially if it could be ducked under the rest of the railroad to a separate area completely off the present plan, to far lower right, either from side or bottom of the plan.

As on the CMDB&CP interurban layout, upon which the WJA is based, there are two cut-off tracks, II and III, to permit two continuous runs completely independent of each other, crossing however at Winslow Jct. One such run is shown in the schematic diagram in the center of the plan as cross-hatched, the other with small circles across the track line at intervals. One such run goes through Camden terminal each time around, while the other does not. When you are doing this, you could operate a shuttle service via RDC, gas-car, or what-have-you from either Winslow Jct. (where there is presently no station) or Track Track into Atlantic City.

Another continuous run which could be worked either by itself, or, with some operational gymnastics along with the two mentioned above, would utilize the "CRRNJ" interchange at Winslow Jct. to make just a big twice around the room run, sometimes called a twice-around oval, sometimes an inside-out figure eight. On the schematic diagram I have marked the CRRNJ interchange with an extra heavy line, but not otherwise marked the route. Again, a Race Track to Atlantic City shuttle could be run.

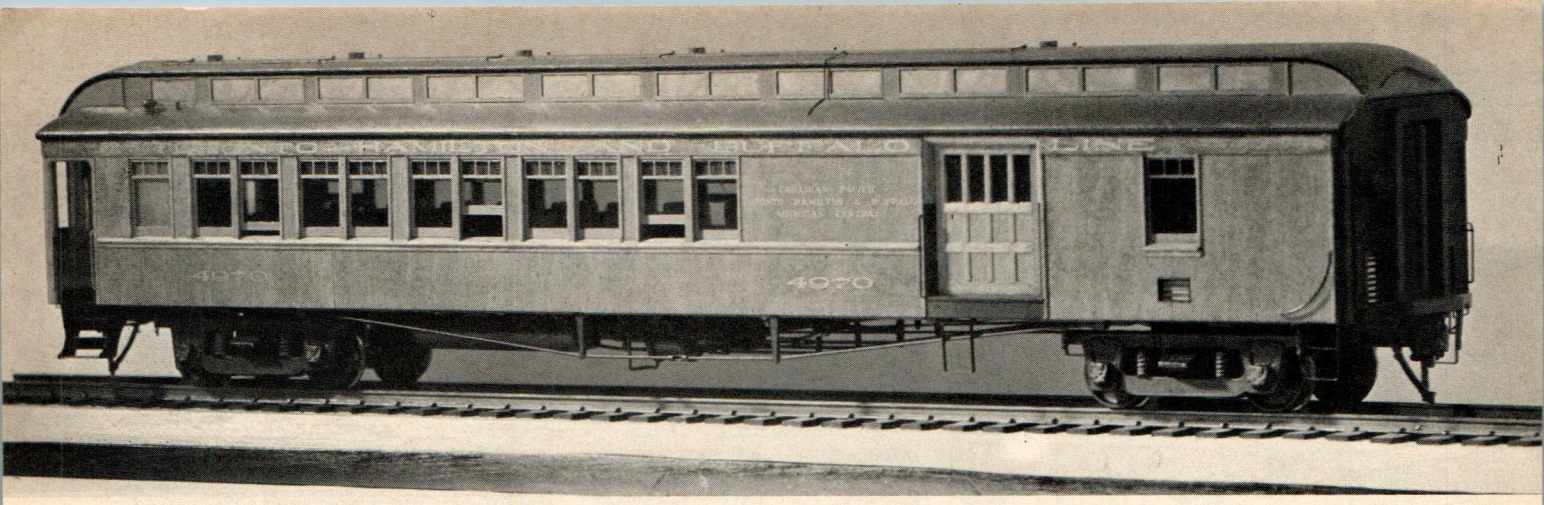
Since the Atlantic City to Winslow Jct. line is used only when in full point-to-point operation or as a shuttle, it's too bad that it has to be built first. However, it must be done first since it is at the lowest or 0" level, and would be the devil to insert later. Perhaps you could install just the later-to-be-hidden tracks in the first stage, not putting in their open air connections until the rest of the pike is done. You may question the necessity of ducking the Atlantic City line back into the upper left corner of the plan, when there is space to cut it right across this corner out in the open with as great or greater radius curve. The purpose for the duck-back was to make the yard switches quite accessible for you, the operator.

I have tried to keep these as well as other switches, the usual sources of trouble on a model railroad, within reach of any centrally located operator. Of course Hammonton lower switches are back about two and a half feet, though at a high level. This whole passing track could be angled inward at the lower end, if desired, to make them more reachable. The Winslow Jct. switches are about two feet back, not too far to reach, but if desired these two could be moved forward with the track, enough to make the Winslow-Waterford Works passing track in line with the track coming from Hammonton.

Some of you may raise eyebrows at my suggesting changes in a layout plan which is hot off the drawing board. But that is the way it is with layout plans. Were I to redraw this even a day after its completion, it could be slightly different. A further redrawing would show other changes. Even then as the layout was being built, there would be more changes. After it has been built, this or any layout, the usual practice of ripping out a whole area now and then for track and/or scenery changes is not uncommon among experienced model rails as they gain more experience.

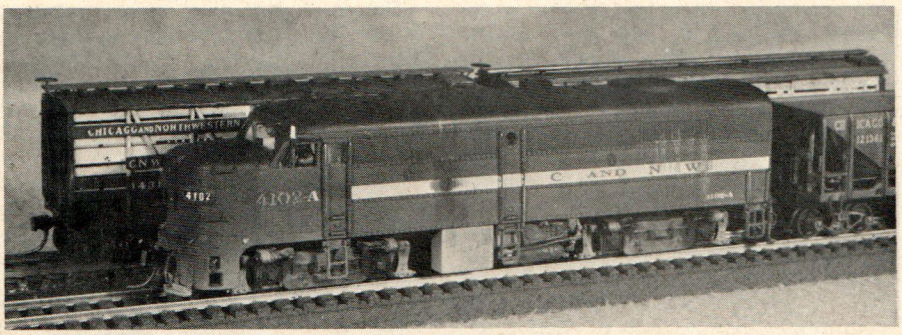
You'll notice that I have spoken of changes, not improvements. Naturally, each change is conceived as an improvement, for better operational possibility, for simplification, for complication, or whatever. But whether each will, in time, be approved as an improvement will remain to be seen. I've made huge changes in layouts—such as ripping down overhead wire in a car-barn area, installing outside third rail, and equipping all "motors" with third rail shoes, later, in light of experience, these proved NOT to be improvements at all, contributing to erratic operation, though the lack of over head wire made it easier to give cars a shove! That whole pike, as well as others I have had, went through numerous periods of extensive track revision.

I'm going to end this single track kick with the expression of my own opinion, that I still like double or multiple track railroading better. It's simpler and more suitable for a model pike, even though single track is a little more realistic looking, since it looks longer, and, if you like "operation," meets and passes gives you more the flavor of real railroading. Whatever you build, it'll be your railroad, and you'll run in. Conceivably you may come to the same conclusions as I conceivably the opposite—or somewhere in between.



1962—Montrealer James Shields was the first O gauger to win, with three TH&B pass. cars.

1965 Craftsman Trophy



1963—A super detailed kit built diesel unit won award for Lloyd Keyser at Indianapolis.

1961—The 4th winner was Dean Freytag with a remarkably complete locomotive repair shop.

IT'S NEARLY that time of year again when some lucky modeler will trot home from the annual convention of the National Model Railroad Association with the 8th annual Craftsman Trophy, awarded by Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine for the model which best demonstrates originality in craftsmanship. All models entered in the NMRA model contest at Vancouver, British Columbia, this year, will automatically qualify for the award, in addition to the various other regular and special awards in the model contest.

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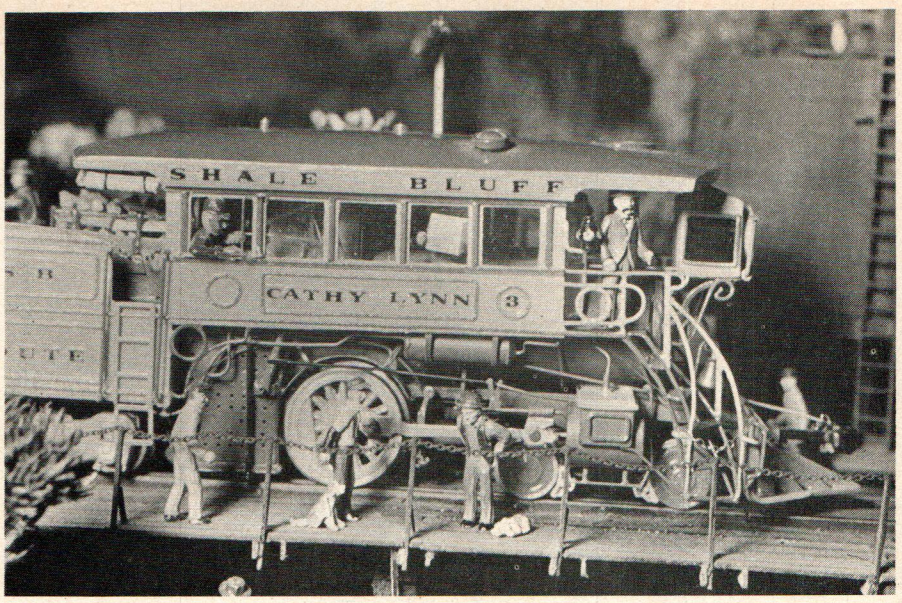

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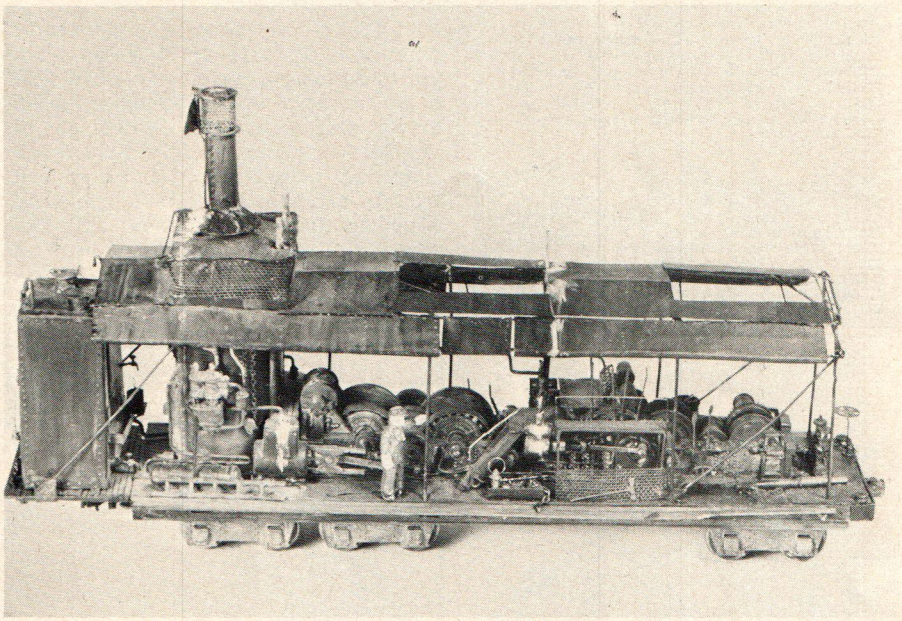

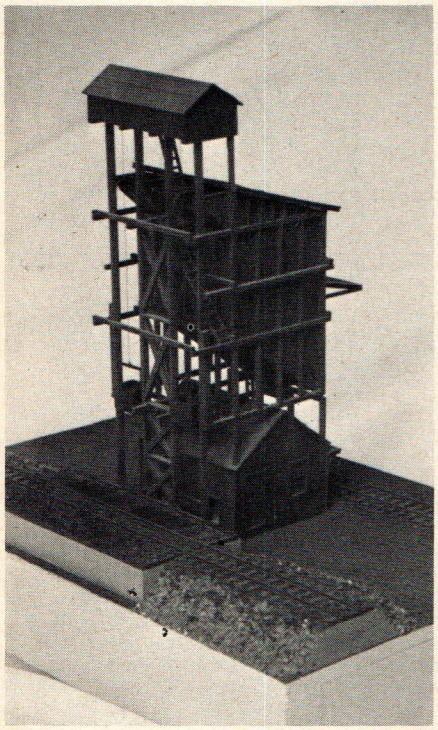

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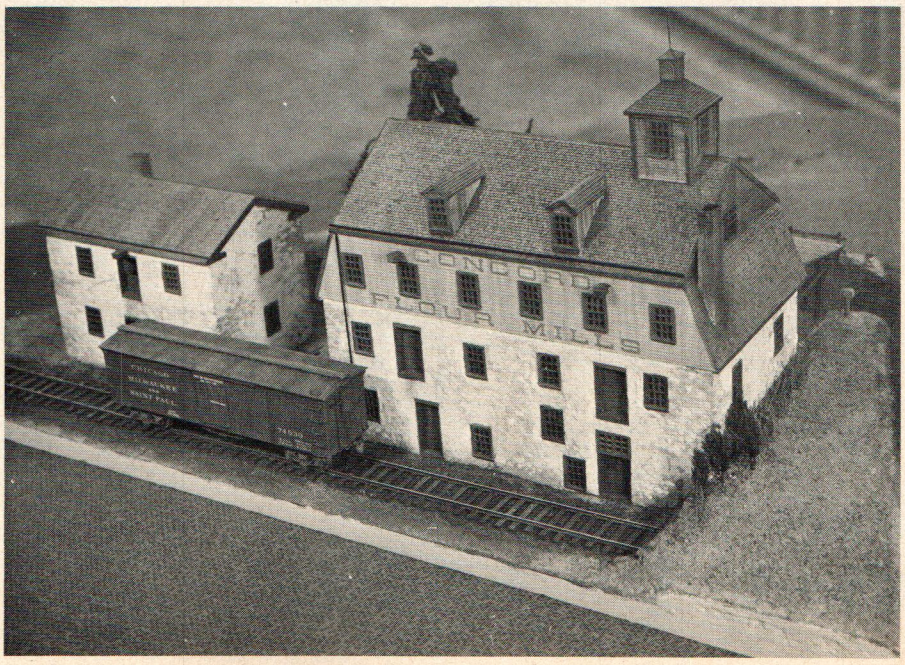

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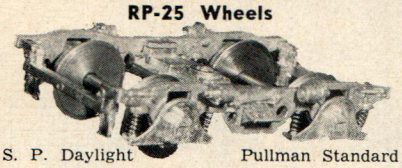

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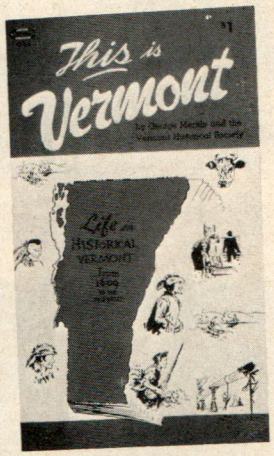
ANSWER: I've been doing exactly what you do, and in 25 years have yet to damage a motor or engine. The only incident was loosening of a driver, which through a wheel out of quarter—but this merely exposed a condition which would have caused trouble at some later date, probably when company was present. All this speed control twisting to slow and stop a train before reversing is baloney, hog-wash, and physical fitness propaganda so you'll have strong wrists. Schopp.

There must surely be a psychotic quirk to any mind which would make any precision machine racing forward at speed, and possibly with a full tonnage drag behind, suddenly switch directions without first stopping. Whether it damages the equipment or not, it's bad and non-prototypical practice and should be subject to penalties too horrible to envision. Carstens.

American RR of Puerto Rico

Al Schmidt: Is the narrow gauge railroad still running out of San Juan, Puerto Rico?

ANSWER: The line was abandoned some few years back. Standard gauge mainland freight cars still service the U. S. Naval Base at San Juan, coming in by shop. If San Juan keeps growing, it'll be ripe for a good rapid transit system running from the airport to old San Juan, with possible



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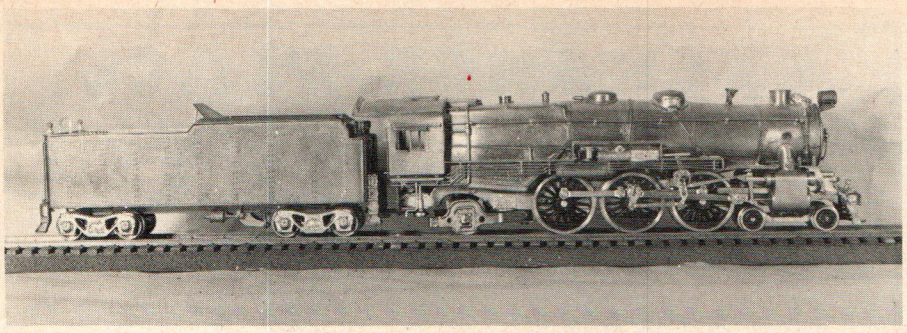

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relaying of standard gauge track on at least part of the old railroad right of way to the suburbs. Traffic jams are getting quite bad in this beautiful city.

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Several Readers: Now that a Frisco Russian Decapod is being offered in HO, why don't they make an Erie version, too?

ANSWER: Pacific Fast Mail recently brought forth the Frisco version of the famous Russian Decapod, made in quantity for the Russian railroads but never shipped because of the revolution. The locos were gradually sold to a wide variety of American roads who used them as late as the post-World War 2 period. The Frisco loco could be converted to the Erie J-2 without too much trouble. If PFM received enough requests, they might even have a production run made. PFM is again running its popularity contest for locos, from which future plans will be made.

Unmodernized K-4

W. Smith: Did you do what I think you did with the mechanism of the K-4 you turned into a 2-8-2 some time back?

ANSWER: Yes. A new superstructure was obtained from PFM, on which I moved generator and headlight to "original" positions. Train control box was removed from right running board, and a Penn-Line/Bowser casting of same (with boiler braces) was put on pilot deck, along with steps to running board. Whistle deflector was removed. Classification lights on smokebox as well as markers on tender and back-up markers on pilot were also replaced with Penn-Line/Bowser castings. The latter are presently available also in lost wax from Mahoning Valley Car & Foundry or Trackside Specialties as well as your dealer. The un-antennaed tender is actually from an original Gem M-1 4-8-2, obtained by devious means from Tom Henk. The engine is now the property of a North Jersey collector who also happens to be a long-time Pennsy employee and remembers the engines from "when."

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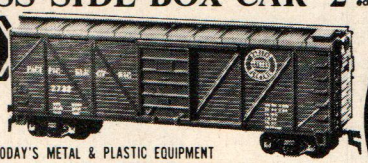
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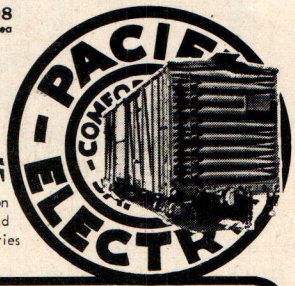

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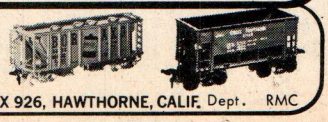
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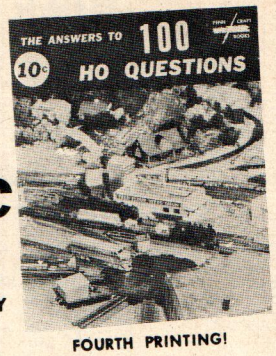

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As you can see in the picture, there is a freight door on the passenger side to handle baggage. A cinder passenger walk will be built up to six inches of the door thresholds. In front of this will be the mainline track for our outdoor miniature railroad. A good many details will be added to the outside for realism. The white paint is a prime coat to preserve the wood until we are ready to give it the final Santa Fe yellow. Work has stopped now until the fall. No one wants to work during the summer here. We already have a lot of stuff in storage here which will fit into the picture.

Charlie Penn
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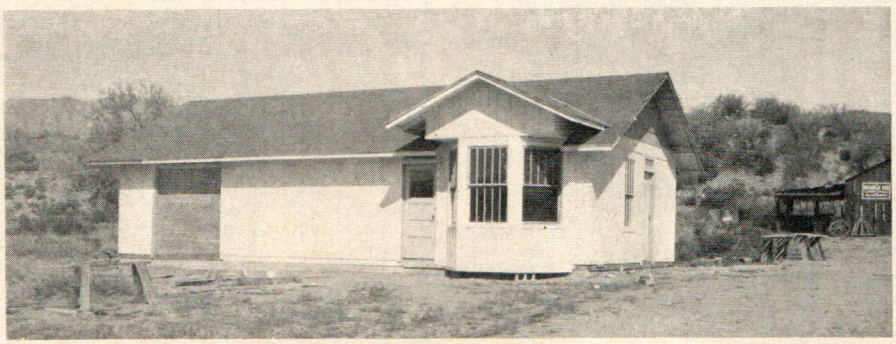

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The questionnaire on these pages is the most comprehensive one we have ever compiled and we solicit your response. Your name and address is not needed on the questionnaire. All we ask is that you fill in those questions pertinent to you. Your additional comments are welcome on a separate sheet of paper.

AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE to everyone sending in a completed questionnaire, RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN will send a free Model Railroad Charter, suitable for framing, size 8½x11 to everyone sending in an addressed envelope (no return stamp is needed but please be sure envelope measures 9½ inches in length).

It is not necessary to tear out the page from the magazine. Type or neatly write the question numbers and answers only on a post card or sheet of paper. Or make a photo copy by any method.

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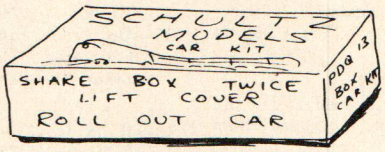

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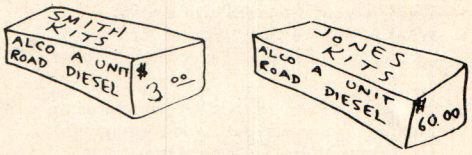

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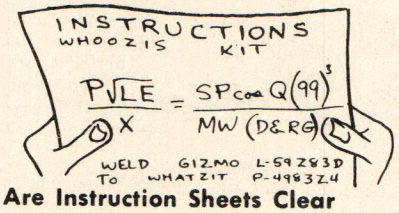

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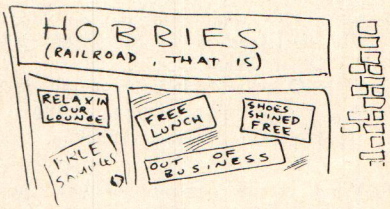

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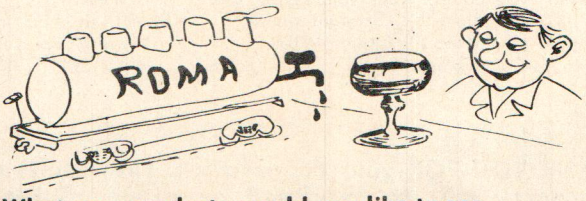

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RMC 1965 MERCHANDISING SURVEY

1—Age: .....
2—☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Male ☐ Female
3—Occupation: .....
4—Are you a regular reader of Railroad Model Craftsman: ☐ Yes ☐ No
How Long? .....
5—How do you receive your copy: ☐ Hobby Shop ☐ Subscription ☐ Newsstand

6—Education: ☐ Grade School ☐ High School ☐ College (degree) .....
7—Occupation: .....
8—How long have you been a railroad modeler? .....
9—How much do you average per month on purchases of model railroad supplies: ☐ $0-$5 ☐ $5-$10 ☐ over $10
10—What is your favorite scale: ☐ HO ☐ O ☐ S ☐ TT ☐ 000/N ☐ Other. What: .....

11—Where is your layout located: ☐ Attic ☐ Basement ☐ Garage ☐ Spare room ☐ Elsewhere. Where? .....
12—How large is your layout in square feet: .....
13—What is the minimum radius of your main line: .....
14—What is your standard size switch: .....
15—What is your favorite type of locomotive: ☐ Steam ☐ Diesel ☐ Electric ☐ Trolley

16—Do you adhere to NMRA standards in building your layout and equipment: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
17—Where do you buy most of your model railroad equipment: ☐ Local Hobby Shop ☐ Mail order hobby shop ☐ Discount store
18—Is your hobby dealer familiar with his products: ☐ Yes ☐ No. If not, does it make any difference to you: .....
19—Do you buy: ☐ For Price ☐ For Quality ☐ Other reasons. What: .....

20—What trackwork do you use: ☐ Sectional track ☐ Prefab sections on tie strip, cork, rubber, or wood roadbed?
21—What type rail do you prefer: ☐ Brass ☐ Nickel silver ☐ Steel ☐ Stainless steel ☐ Other. What .....
22—If in HO, what code rail do you use: ☐ 100 (standard) ☐ 70 ☐ 55 ☐ 40 ☐ Other. What .....
23—If in O, what code or type rail do you use: ☐ 172 ☐ 158 ☐ 126 ☐ 100 ☐ Tinplate ☐ Other. What.....

24—What is the capacity of your power pack, if D.C.; in amps: .....
Is it adequate: .....
What capacity: .....
25—What features will you want in your next power supply: .....
26—What type control does your layout use: ☐ Cab ☐ Block ☐ Straight power supply ☐ Astrac ☐ Other: What.....
27—Are you a club member: ☐ Yes ☐ No

28—What type surface is your layout: ☐ Hard flat top ☐ Open benchwork
29—What type scenic mix do you use: ☐ Hobby shop commercial mix ☐ Paper mache ☐ Home plaster mix ☐ Others: What .....
30—What improvements would you like to see in car kits: .....

31—What improvements could be made in RTR cars: .....
32—What improvements could be made in RTR locos: .....
33—What improvements could be made in kit locomotives: .....
34—Should universal coupler pockets be included on all HO cars and locos: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No opinion
35—Do you replace NMRA type horn couplers on purchased equipment with other couplers: ☐ Yes No

36—If 35 is yes, with what: ☐ "Standard" X-2f type ☐ Kadee ☐ AAR ☐ Other: What .....
37—If in HO, how many locomotives did you buy last year: .....
38—If in HO, how many cars did you buy last year: .....
39—If your present layout uses brass rail, do you intend converting to nickle silver: ☐ Yes ☐ No
40—How do you apply model railroad paint: ☐ Brush ☐ Spray gun ☐ Air brush

41—What type finish do you prefer on car and loco kits: ☐ Prepainted and lettered ☐ Left raw for the modeler to paint and letter
42—Do you find that sprung trucks give better operation: ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No opinion
43—What is your favorite steam loco: .....
44—What is your favorite diesel loco: .....

45—What one item would you like to see made commercially available, more than anything else: .....
46—Does anyone else read your copy of Railroad Model Craftsman: ☐ Yes ☐ No: If yes, how many: .....
47—Would you like to see a pre-packaged, color-coded male-female plug type wiring system adaptable to any layout, for simplified wiring: ☐ Yes ☐ No

48—Would you like more multi-part operating HO accessory kits: ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what: .....
49—Do you use any power tools: ☐ No ☐ Yes: What: .....
50—If in scale 0, how do you prefer your locos: ☐ Zamac ☐ Built-up brass ☐ Brass or bronze sand cast ☐ Other: What: .....
51—If in HO narrow gauge, what track width do you prefer: ☐ 36" ☐ 30" ☐ 24" ☐ Other: What: .....

52—When buying wood type kits, do you prefer them: ☐ With trucks and couplers included of the manufacturers choice ☐ Less trucks and couplers permitting you to buy your own, probably at an overall higher unit price than the complete kit would have cost.
53—Do you intend changing to a different scale: ☐ Yes ☐ No. Why: ..... What is your present scale: ..... What are you switching to: .....

54—Which RMC column do you enjoy most: .....
55—Who is your favorite RMC author: .....
56—Is your train room airconditioned: ☐ Yes ☐ No
57—If in S or 0 tinplate, what improvements would you like to see: .....
58—If in HO, do you care what standards equipment is made to as long as it operates satisfactorily on "standard" HO track: ☐ No ☐ Yes.
Comment: .....

59—Do you operate an HO or O "Model Motoring" or slot car system with your railroad: ☐ No ☐ Yes:
Comment: .....
60—Do you buy by: ☐ Price ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Advertisement
61—Do you favor high or low gear reduction in locomotives (high gives slower speeds): ☐ High ☐ Low ☐ No opinion
Comment: .....

COMMENTS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS are welcome but please put them on a separate sheet of paper. Your name and address is not required.

THANK YOU FOR your cooperation. The results of the survey will be tabulated by a special team and the results made available to the industry, so the industry may serve you better.

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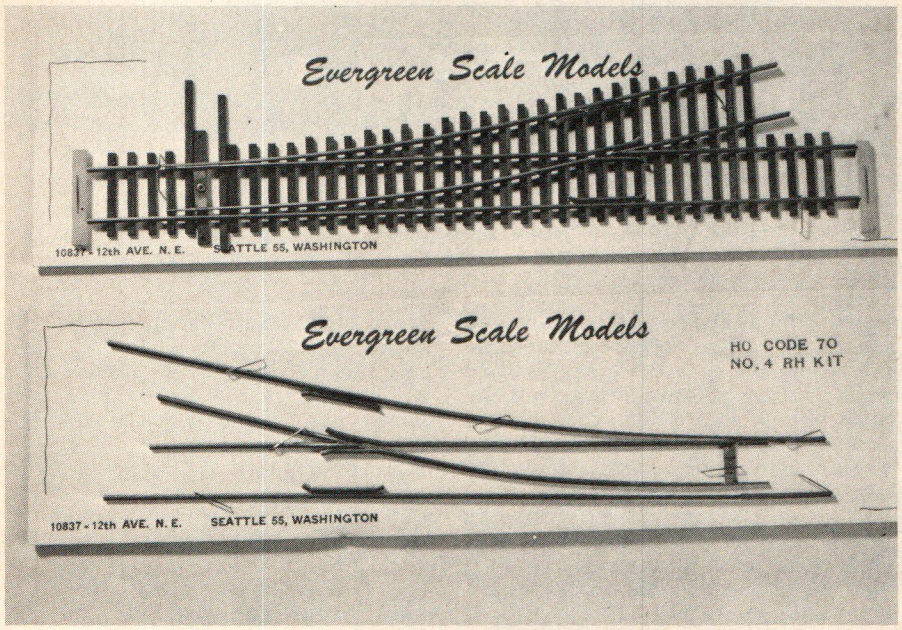

Evergreen Scale Models HO assembled switch No. 5 and No. 4 switch kit. Switches are made with code 70 nickel silver rail and feature soldered construction. Assembled switch is white glued to wood ties.

Code 70 Switches: HO

Mfd. by Evergreen Scale Models 10837—12th Avenue N. E., Seattle 55, Washington.

Evergreen Scale Models has sent in samples of their code 70 nickel silver turnouts. Received were a completely assembled No. 5 left hand switch and a No. 4 right hand switch kit. Also offered are switch kits in Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 8, right or left hand plus eyes in Nos. 4 and 5 only.

Evergreen's Ready-Switch is well made with long, nicely shaped points. The rail base at the points has been filed away and points hit the rail with no gaps or bumps. The points are connected with a piece of tin plate, riveted to a fibre throwbar. The switch was checked for gauge and flangeways with only one very small and minor tight spot in the points, which would be remedied before the switch was put into operation.

The Evergreen Ready-Switch is cemented to the individual wooden stained ties with white glue. Evergreen Ready-Switches list at $3.95 each, left or right, in No. 5 size only.

The switch kit does not include ties but requires only spiking in place to use. All soldering of frogs, points, and guard rails is done at the factory. Workmanship is identical to the built-up switch. All switch kits are $2.25 each excepting the No. 8 which is $2.50.

Evergreen also offers HOn3 switch kits, No. 5 or No. 6 in right and left. at $2.25 each. The nickel silver rail used, incidentally, has a slight brassy color. The quality of these switches is very good. Evergreen Ready-Switches should not be confused with Tru-Scale Ready-Track and Ready-Switches, which are made with code 100 rail and have been on the market for several years.

Southern Pacific T-28 4-6-0: HO

Imported by West Side Model Co., 1801 Dalehurst Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022.

The first standard gauge HO product of this company is another western prototype, an SP 4-6-0, class T-28, series 2311-2352. The original engines were built by Alco's Brooks works, and by Baldwin, from 1907 to 1911. Most stayed on SP property and retained the same numbers throughout their lifetime. An exception were a few that went to the Southern Pacific of Mexico for a time with different numbers. After being restored to the SP roster with their original numbers, they still carried their Mexican modifications. The most noticeable of these were ladders from pilot to running boards. The model represents the conventional version.

The T-28 model is of sheet brass construction supplemented with numerous lost wax castings. Parts were all squarely and neatly mounted and soldered in place. When checked against photos of the prototype, the model appeared to be a very close

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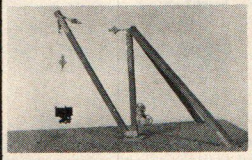

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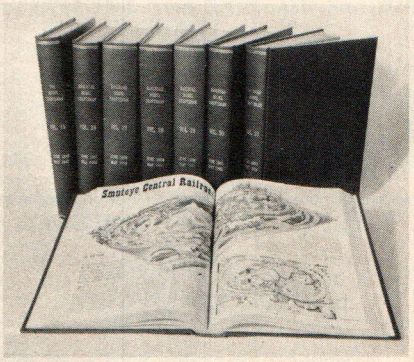

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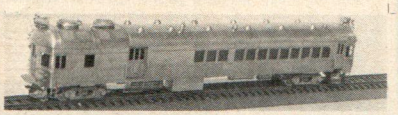

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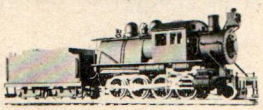

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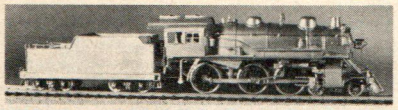

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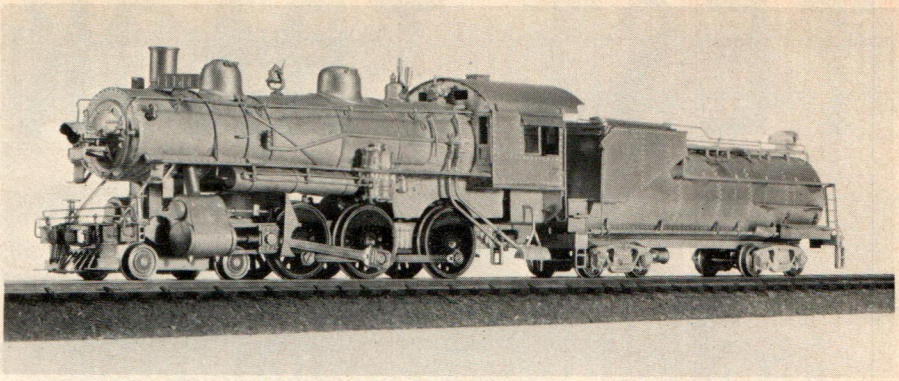


Southern Pacific class T-28 Ten-Wheeler marketed by West Side Model Company in HO is equipped with largest type tender used on this class locomotive. Tender was also used on the other SP loco classes.

reproduction. This must be said with some reservation, because of the prototype. By the time these engines had run out their miles of service, all the little details that affect the appearance of an engine varied. Headlights, tenders, pilots, were all a little different on each remaining engine.

The tender provided with the model represents the largest of several types used in later years. It is well made and as detailed as the engine and sets down at the proper height above the rails. The tender is available separately and is suitable for two other types of SP locomotives.

The drive is more or less conventional with a steel worm and steel gear. Without any run-in period, the test engine ran quietly and throttled down to a realistically low speed. With some of the advanced controls now available and a good breaking-in period, excellent running should be no problem. Drivers are not sprung but since the desirability of springing seems a matter of debate and taste, we offer no comment.

Power is provided to the second axle directly. An NMRA-type horn coupler with housing is included along with a mounting screw. The rear underside of the tender is drilled and tapped for that or for universal and Kadee coupler pockets. The pilot has a dummy metal coupler. The loco measures 10½ inches with tender and has a wheelbase of 9½ inches with tender, reduceable by 5/32" if the closer hole in the wireless drawbar is used, important where the length of the turntable is a factor. Total actual measurement is 63 inches. The weight is 12 oz. Driver diameter by loco lists at $44.95 unpainted assembled. JW.

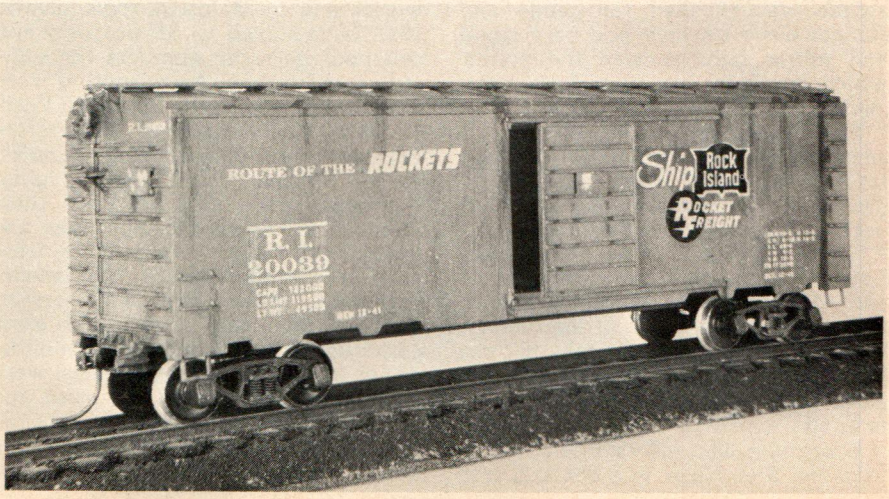
AAR Steel Box Car: S

Mfd. by Nimco and sold The Hobby Shop, Div. of Northern Industries, St. Albans, Vermont.

Since the box car predominates the railroad scene, S gauge welcomes the return of the Nimco kits to the growing market. This has been made possible by The Hobby Shop, (Div. of Northern Industries), St. Albans, Vermont. All Nimco parts and kits will assume the "Northern" name at a later date.

The box car shown in the photo is constructed entirely of N.E. precision cut basswood parts, with the exception of corner steps, hand grabs, Stewart brake wheel and housing. All body parts are cut to exact size leaving only the various strip wood details and additions to be cut and glued

Nimco 40 ft. AAR boxcar now marketed by Northern Industries, St. Albans, Vermont, in S gauge. Car shown is equipped with modified Kadee couplers adapted to S gauge. Car takes scale or toy trucks.

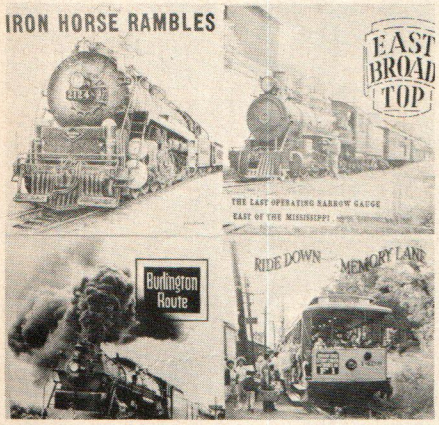


into place. Staples are used instead of the preferred N.E. grab irons, and underbody detail is entirely lacking except for a wooden center beam and truck bolsters. Couplers and coupler pockets are also excluded.

The car ends and loading doors appear very realistic even though fabricated entirely from wood parts and the doors slide in wooden tracks. Total car weight upon completion with the Kinsman trucks is 3⅓ ounces.

We can recommend these kits to the novice because of the simple construction. The plans included in the kit show perfect 3/16" scale top, bottom, side and end views allowing detail measurements to be taken directly from them. Another large sheet shows 16 clearly defined assembly steps and a nicely proportioned exploded view of the entire car with these steps indicated by pointed arrows. The car can be assembled in one evening ready for painting and decaling. Provision has been made to mount your choice of tinplate or scale trucks.

These kits are available direct from the above address as SB-11 without trucks at $2.50 or with Kinsman scale or hi-rail trucks for $4.15 and your choice of decals. Please specify which and give your 2nd and 3rd choice of decals. FT.



Railroad Sound Recordings

Mfd. by Ralbar Productions. Distributed by Associated Hobby Manufacturers, 3214E North Boudinot St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.

AHM is now distributing a series of six 7 inch 33⅓ rpm railroad sound effect records recorded on recent steam fan trips or at operating steam and trolley museums. Each of these Ralbar recordings has historical significance.

The series includes the following. No. 9501 Iron Horse Rambles, with Reading engines 2100 and 2124 recorded in various actions around the Trenton-Port Clinton-Reading area. No. 9502 Grand Trunk Western (no sample), No. 9503 East Broad Top official souvenir recording with engines 12, 14, and 15 at work hauling narrow gauge trains between Rockhill Furnace and South Shirleysburg. No. 9504 Ride Down Memory Lane, souvenir record of action on the Branford Trolley Museum at East Haven, Connecticut, aboard Connecticut Company open car 1414, with additional effects by BERA's tiny electric switcher. No. 9595 Strasburg Railroad (no sample). No. 9506 Burlington 5632, recorded on the NRHS fantrip operated during the 1961 convention in which the giant 4-8-4 class O5B tackled the head end.

These recordings are modestly priced at 99c each, making them popular with students and others on a tight budget. Sound fidelity on these records is very satisfying.

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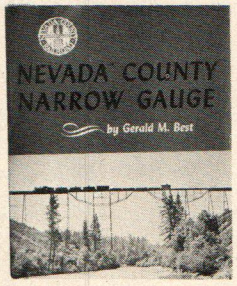

Nevada County Narrow Gauge

By Gerald M. Best. Published by Howell-North, 1965, 8½x11, 214 pages, hard cover, 284 illustrations. $7.95.

Gerald M. Best has come up with one of the most exciting new railroad books we've seen in some time: the complete story of the famous old Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad. The book and its contents do more than justice to this gone but not forgotten streak of California history.

The 22.5 mile 3 foot gauge pike drove its last spike at Nevada City, California, on May 20, 1876. Regular train service started four days later.

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge boasted high trestles and bridges, gold mines and lumber mills, heavy grades and sharp curves, plus picturesque stations and yards. In short, it was the ideal prototype for many railroad modelers.

The many photographs of equipment and right of way bare this out. The photographs cover just about every contingency the modeler might be faced with in constructing his own pike. Included are many rare photos of mines large and small. Terminal, turntable, and station views are loaded with a wealth of reference material, as is the text. Rosters of locomotives and cars are included, plus plans of Mogul No. 5 which survives as a star of movies and television.

Author Gerald M. Best is one of the best known west coast railfans and has a collection of over 37,000 negatives and 75,000 prints. His new book can be summed up simply as just great. Available through RMC Reader Service, 6 East Main St., Ramsey, N. J. 07446.

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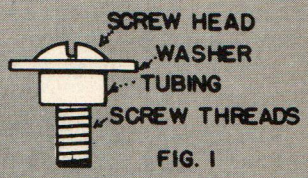


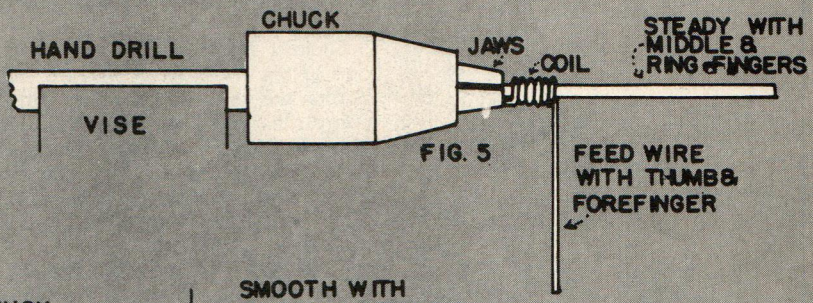
FIG. 1

FIG. 2

SCREW SIZE	4-40	2-56	0-80	2.0MM	1.4 MM
O.D. TUBING " " SLIP FIT	3/16"	1/8"	3/32"	1/8"	3/32"
" " TAPPED FIT	5/32"	3/32"	1/16"	3/32"	1/16"

TUBING MAY BE SLIT FOR SQUEEZING OR SPREADING
FIG. 3

CUT OUT WASHER TO SLIP ON SHAFT FROM SIDE
FIG. 4



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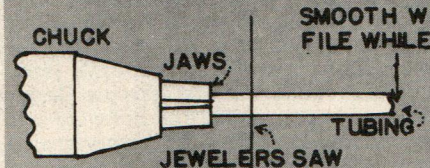

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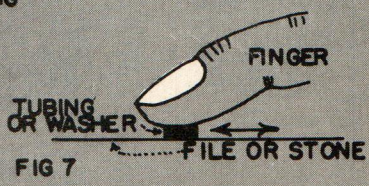

FIG 7

Size screw	Theads per inch	Tap drill	Clearance drill
00-90%	90	#60	#56
0-80	80	#56	#52
2-56	56	#50	#42
1.0 mm.**	101.6	#65	#61
1.4 m.	84.67	#56	#53
2.0 mm.	60.48	#52	#46

NOTE I: Metric taps and dies may be obtained also from jewelry supply houses under trade name Bergeon in sizes as small as 0.3 mm. which has 333.666 threads per inch.

NOTE II: Dimensional and other data on American small machine screws and washers are contained in "Tips on Threading for the Hobbyist" obtainable from J. I. Morris Co., Southbridge, Mass. (Folder 262).

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The machine screws used in model railroading are in two series, American and Metric. The common American screws are called 00-90, 0-80, and 2-56. The first number is an arbitrary one, while the second indicates the number of threads per inch. There are screws with 000- in front, almost unheard of. The "missing" 1-72 is omitted on purpose since it has virtually no use any more in the hobby. Larger screws are 3-48 (used to attach switch motors to Snap-Switches etc.), 6-32, 4-40, and 5-40, the latter about the same as a 1/8" screw. Metric screws which are used on imported engines have their diameters given in millimeters such as 2.0 mm., 1.4 mm., and 1.0 mm Number of threads per inch is substantially greater than on American screws, making metric ones more suitable for tapped holes in thin sheet metal (See table at end of article.)

Taps (used to cut threads in a hole) and dies (used to put threads on a blank rod) for American screws are available from almost any hobby dealer or at mail-order houses. The larger sizes, 4-40, etc. are also available at hardware stores. Taps and dies for Metric Screws are available from dealers selling Pacific Fast Mail imports, in the range given. While 2-56 screws can usually be run into holes meant for 2.0 mm. screws (but not vice-versa), and 0-80 screws into 1.4 mm. tapped holes, this should be considered mainly an emergency procedure. I find it useful when the Metric holes has had its threads stripped or damaged.

The range of American screws available is fairly great, with a greater variety of heads — round, flat, etc. — than commonly available in Metric screws (which may come from Japan or Europe). Long 2-56 screws, over an inch, are used by both Penn-Line (Bowser), and Tyco for holding down the fronts of their steam loco boilers: hence these may be obtained as parts. The same firms also have various shouldered screws to attach trucks. The range of Metric Screws available is more limited, the longest being 6.0 mm. In trying to translate millimeters to inches, think in approximate terms of 25 mm to the inch. Of course special ones for specific locations may be obtained by writing to the importers.

Having a full selection of taps and dies for both series of screws (3 in each series as elucidated above) makes one able to handle most HO repairs. For instance, wanting a 2.0 mm screw longer than any listed and not for a specific engine, either), I recently made one by the simple expedient of cutting a 2.0 mm. thread on a 2-56 screw, which worked out nicely.

The fly in the ointment very often is shouldered screws, as in fig. 1. Domestic manufacturers and importers may be able to supply such screws for specific purposes on specific engines, but if it is an old engine, or if you want a little longer, little shorter, fatter, or smaller shoulder it may require some correspondence to explain your needs. You can make your own shouldered screws with the assistance of thin-walled brass or aluminum tubing which your hobby shop sells. These as well as larger size brass tubing is sold by Special Shapes.

The thin-wall tubing is available in diameters from 1/16" up, at least as far as we want to go for working with screws. Get a selection. To make a shouldered screw, as per fig. 1, you simply slip a piece of tubing on a screw. If it needs a bigger screw-head (very often true of shouldered screws), slip a washer meant for that size screw on first. The rub, of course, is to get the piece of tubing cut off square. The preferred way to do this is in a lathe of some sort, even a hand-drill held in the jaws of a vise. as per fig. 5. While your left hand turns the hand-drill, let your right hand square off the end of the tubing with a file as per fig. 6. Then, using either a jewelers saw or a razor saw, cut off a piece of tubing as long or as short as needed. In doing this, you must rotate the chuck and the tubing so that it is turning *against* the teeth of the saw.

To make the piece of tubing a little shorter, rub it against a fine or worn file, or against a stone, as in fig. 7, checking by eye from time to time to be sure you are not getting it worn too thin on one side — lopsided. Or cut a new piece of tubing.

The size tubing to slip on various popular size machine screws is shown in the table, fig. 2. Where a smaller diameter shoulder is required, try using the size tubing shown for "tapped fits." Here the hole in the tubing has to be tapped with the same thread as on the screw, perhaps drilling it out first. Sometimes this will split the tubing since the thin wall is made even thinner. However, if you care to, split the tubing, fig. 3, on purpose with your razor or jewelers saw and either tap it as well as you can or force it on the screw. A piece of split

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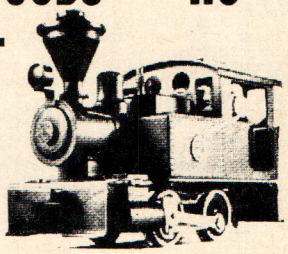

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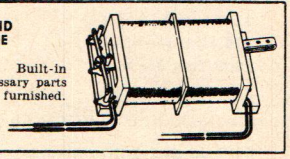

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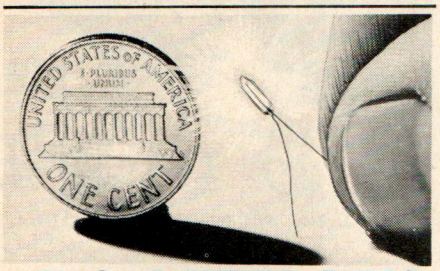

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tubing may also be squeezed down to a slightly smaller outside diameter (o.d.).

Splitting tubing this way reminds me that washers can also be split, or rather cut off, fig 4, in order to put them on a shaft from the side. This is very handy for taking up excess end-play in motor shafts where you do not care to dismantle the motor. Notch the washer as shown and, using tweezers, push it on from the side. Pittman has fibre washers in two thicknesses and in two hole-sizes each, suitable for use with their motors and, indeed, with most other motors. You can also make your own washers from fibre or brass — in many cases, they need not really be round.

Where thicker washers are needed, or more of them, you can also make your own by winding a coil of wire on another piece of wire held in the chuck of a hand-drill, fig. 5 I prefer to use copper wire which has been stretched with pliers and a vise, to make it straight. This is fed onto the mandrel (rotating wire) with the right forefinger above and, the thumb below, with two or three of the remaining fingers on that hand supporting the mandrel to keep it from bending too much.

The result may look like a spring, but is not likely to have any spring to it. Individual circles may be cut from it with pliers, scissors, cut-off discs, etc. These will not be flat but will have cut ends not meeting, similar to lockwashers. But brass circles can easily be bent flat, squeezed together so that gap does not show, or even spread a bit to make them larger in diameter. If they are too thick, they may be rubbed on a file or stone as in fig. 7 to make them thinner. They may also be squeezed in a vice or whacked with a hammer to make them thinner. Handle with tweezers.

You probably cannot substitute an electric hand-drill or a motor hand tool for the hand drill specified in figs. 5 and 6. They turn much too fast and are not reversible. You can use a foot rheostat (per electric sewing machine) to slow them down. I personally use a jewelers lathe, which does have speed and direction control. While this is faster than a hand-drill, buying a lathe just for this purpose means quite an investment considering all of the different size collets that would be needed.

I might mention a few of the things that can be done with a lathe and suitable size collet, should you have access to one. You can grab a screw by its head, with threads (and shoulder) sticking out, and do such things as thinning the head FROM UNDERNEATH, thus lengthening the shoulder, often useful with binding crank-pin screws. You can also cut back the shoulder, thus lengthening the screw as soon as you run the die up and add threads. Without a lathe, you can file or stone down the head of a screw from the top, thinning it out at least to the depth of the slot. However then you may have to cut a new slot with a fine file or razor saw.

To make this complete, I should also tell you how to cut screws shorter. Simply run a nut (or any piece of metal with a correctly tapped hole) up on the screw beyond where you'll cut. Cut off what you don't want using pliers, snips, saw, or whatever (not your teeth), stone or file the end smooth, and then run the nut OFF, chasing the threads so they will start easily. Knowing this little trick will let you get along with a lot fewer length of screws.

To reduce the size of a screw-head, grasp it by its threads (not too tightly) in any chuck, and rotate against a file. To enlarge a screw-head, put a washer under it as in fig. 1.

As a point of general information, it might be noted that the United States plus certain of the British Commonwealth members are virtually the only countries using the inch and foot system for measuring, not only in model railroading but in all forms of measurement. Thus such model railroad producing countries as Japan, Italy, Germany, France, and Yugoslavia, among others, quite naturally come by the metric system.

Recent news items coming from Britain indicate that there is ever increasing pressure for conversion in that country for a change to the metric system because repair and maintenance problems on British exports to metric system countries are becoming increasingly acute.

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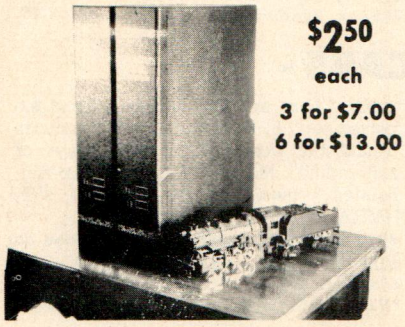

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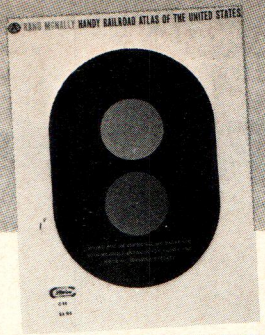

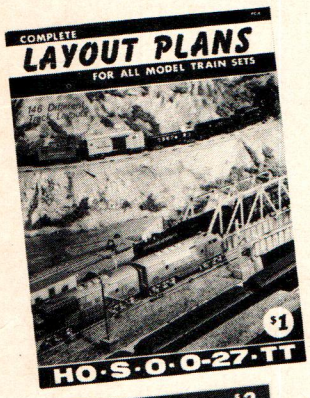

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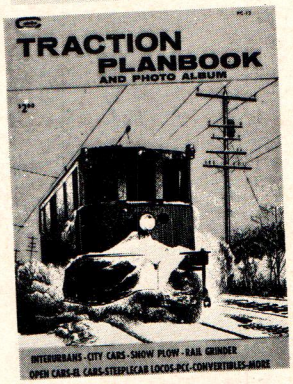

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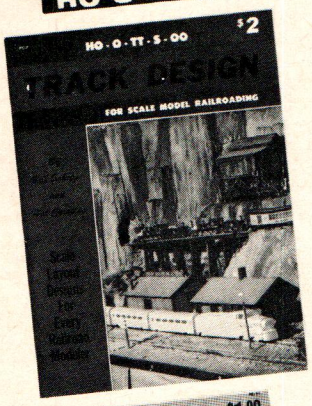

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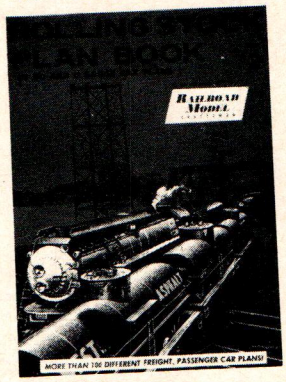

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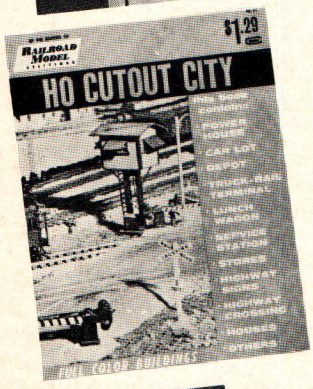

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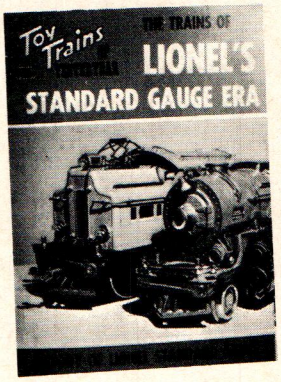

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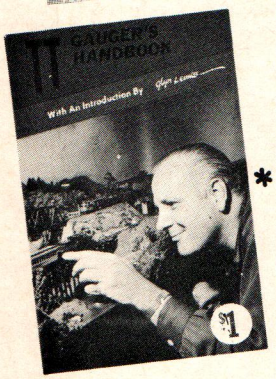

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